Weather

Overcast and cold weather. The maximum temperature yesterday was 56.7 and the minimum 41.7, the figures for the corresponding day last year being 55.9 and 35.4

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FEAR FRESH OUTBREAK OF BANDITRY IN SHANTUNG

Execution Of Sun Mei-yao Precipitates Crisis

SEE PLOT?

"Converted Bandits" Return To The Hills

Shantung will once more be turned into the 'happy hunting ground' of bandits and the lives, liberty and property of wealthy Chinese and foreigners will once more become pawns in their hands as a result of the execution of Brigadier-General Sun Mei-yao, former chieftan of the Pao Tzu Ku bandits, according to well informed followers of Chinese politics.

Sun Mei-yao, as told exclusively in THE CHINA PRESS yesterday, was sumarily shot by General Chang Pei-yuan, the Defence Commissioner at Yenchowfu, at Tsaochuang on the charge that Sun had rebelled against the authority of the Peking Government and had negotiated with Lao Yang-jin, notorious bandit leader in the upper Yangtsze districts, and was on the point of throwing off his military shackles and becoming, once more, a bandit leader.

More detailed information received yesterday is to the effect that ten of Sun Mei-yao's followers were executed at the same time as they resisted when General Chang attempted to disarm them, and the remainder of the brigade under Sun's command, all ex-bandits who participated in the raid on the 'Blue Express' at Lincheng, were disarmed and disbanded. The general assumption is that they will immediately return to the hills and resume their former banditry.

BAD SITUATION

The situation is aggravated, it is said, because of the close co-operation with which the bandits in Shantung, Anhwei, Kiangsu, Chekiang, Honan and Chihli work, because now that the government has, from the bandit viewpoint, repudiated their promises of immunity to Sun and his followers, they will join together in a working agreement, commit further depredations on both foreigners and Chinese, and hold their captives next time for a money ransom. All with any knowledge of Chinese politics agreed that the bandits, next time, would not negotiate with the government through any intermediary, unless the cold, hard cash was laid down as an inducement. Fears are also felt that the bandits, for revenge, will create an even more drastic crisis with the Foreign Powers, by killing some of their captives.

Sun Mei-yao was extremely popular with his followers as he joined them voluntarily. Before he became a bandit Sun, a member of a well known and highly respected Shantung family, became the bait of the officials in power, and in retaliation, and to secure revenge, the family sold out their entire holdings in Shantung and all turned bandit.

Two other brothers were elect-

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Million-Dollar Policy For Flying Ace.

Eddie Rickenbacher

Captain "Eddie" Rickenbacker, former daredevil race-track driver, later America's flying ace in the World War, has concluded arrangements with Lloyd's, of London, for a million-dollar policy to cover accident or death only while he is flying. Rickenbacker plans to make trips of inspection to his automobile plants by airplane, it was stated. American insurance companies have refused the risk. The annual premium is $5,000. Rickenbacker says auto and train travel is far more perilous than flying.

DENY RUMORS OF FIGHTING ON FUKIEN BORDER

Tuli Sun Chuan-fang Wires All Is Peaceful

Despite rumors of armed clash along the Chekiang-Fukien border yesterday, the local political situation was improved upon the receipt of a telegram from Sun Chuan-fang, Tuli of Fukien, explaining the cause of his movement of troops and denying that he was contemplating any aggressive move against General Lu Yung-hsiang. The message was a reply to the protest recently lodged with him by the Shanghai Amalgamated Street Unions. The text of his message follows:

"I have received your telegram. A small detachment was sent to the northern border of Fukien recently for the purpose of bandit suppression. Fukien has no plan to send troops to invade Chekiang. The reports that we are taking aggressive measures against our neighbor are absolutey unfounded. Please do not believe them."

At the same time, the local headquarters of the Red Cross Society, which was organising a relief unit for Pucheng, Fukien, in view of the pending war, received the following message from Sun:

"I have read your telegram. Since there is no war, there is no necessity of making preparation for Red Cross work in this district. Your suggestion for the organisation of a relief unit in Pucheng, therefore, may well be abandoned. The movement of Fukien forces was solely for the purpose of suppressing brigands and our army has a medical corps which will do the necessary."

Early yesterday, a Chinese news agency had carried a report that artillery firing was heard in the vicinity of Chuchow, Chekiang.

It Doesn't Take Any Sherlock To Solve This

BY UNITED PRESS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Wesley L. Jones, Republican, of Washington, in the Senate today demanded an investigation by Congress as to why the American Bar Association had chartered the British liner Berengaria for their trip to England rather than an American vessel.

Members of the Bar Association laughingly assured reporters that there was no deep laid plot against the American merchant marine in their action.

"All we wanted," they answered Senator Jones, "was a guarantee that the ship would be wet both ways!"

Afghanistan And Great Britain Near Open Break; Moscow Reported Uneasy

Demand For British Officer's Murderers Still Refused May Withdraw Minister From Kabul

(Exclusive China Press)

London, Dec. 21.—The turbulent Northeastern frontier of India is again causing apprehension in official circles in London as a result of the strained relations between Great Britain and Afghanistan through the continued refusal of the Afghan government to turn the murderers of British officers over to British authorities.

It is reported that unless the Afghanistan government complies with the request the British Minister at Kabul will be withdrawn.

(Reuter's Service)

Delhi, Dec. 20.—A frontier conference between the Afghan Governor of Jalalabad and the Political Agent for the Khyber has fixed the responsibility for harboring the Ajab gang, the murderers of British officers, on the Sangu tribe, whose representatives were detained as hostages by the Governor but bolted at night. The gang dispersed on learning of the despatch of 600 regulars against them and are still at large.

The Assembly of Mahsuds has given a verdict against three tribesmen for the murder of Lieutenant Webster on July 6 and has called on the Shabi tribe to surrender the culprits, failing which the tribe will be liable to a fine of 12,000 rupees.

(Reuter's Service)

London, Dec. 20.—In connection with the serious situation on the Afghan border owing to the failure of the Afghan Government hitherto to hand over the murderers of British officers, official quarters in London are more hopeful and are at present awaiting the result of the Afghans' efforts to arrest the criminals. It is hoped that the Afghans will fulfil their promises in this connection, otherwise it will be necessary to decide what further pressure is needed.

There is no question of any aggressive British action, although the means available will be employed if the moderate and just British demands are not complied with. The allegation of M. Chicherin that Britain has threatened war against Afghanistan and demanded the rupture of relations between Afghanistan and Russia is absolutely untrue.

(Reuter's Service)

Riga, Dec. 20.—It is reported from Moscow that M. Chicherin in an interview said that British Eastern interests had been in collision with Russia's for several decades. Britain was endeavoring to obtain absolute hegemony in Central Asia. The British demand to Afghanistan had created the greatest uneasiness in Moscow diplomatic circles as Afghanistan is regarded as the last buffer State between Britain and the Soviet Republics.

DEATH PENALTY IS ORDERED FOR TWO HIGHWAYMEN

Third Given Twenty Years In $20,000 Robbery Case

The death penalty was ordered for two men, a third was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment and a fourth was discharged by Assessor Whitamore and Magistrate Li of the Mixed Court yesterday at the conclusion of the case arising from the sensational highway robbery of a Shanghai-Nanking Railway shroff on North Honan Road November 26, when $20,925.60 in cash and several checks and bank books were stolen by six men who escaped in a motor car.

A feature of the case, in connection with the testimony yesterday, was the statement by Prosecutor Maitland, confirmed by the Bench, that a letter had been sent to the Court before the trial asking that the accused be turned over to the Arsenal to be shot. It is likely that contempt of court proceedings will be the consequence.

The four men charged, arrested through the efficient work of detectives from West Hongkew station —particularly Chinese Detective Sergeant Li Kwei—are Tsang Tsai-ching, a chauffeur; Zung Tsoo-ji, hawker; Tsang Zung-ching, shopkeeper, and Tsang Yoong-ching, a coolie. A woman, the wife of one of the men still sought, was also detained as a witness in the case. Mr. Eardley Maitland prosecuted for the police and Mr. C. S. Franklin appeared for the second accused.

Opening the case, Mr. Maitland stated that the first accused had taken his share of the money to the home of the third accused in Chapei and left it there. The latter had immediately handed the sum over to the police when they visited the place and it was counsel's conviction that this man was innocent and he would ask to withdraw the charge against him. Counsel then stated that he understood the Court had received a letter asking that the accused be handed over to the Arsenal authorities. He intended himself to ask that they be handed to the Arsenal officials when the case was concluded, but such a letter being sent to the Court before evidence had been given embarrassed the prosecution in its presentation of the case. He asked the Court to hand him the letter with a view

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San Francisco Trade Boosters Coming Here

Captain Robert Dollar yesterday recived a cablegram from Mr. Robert Newton Lynch informing him that a trade delegation from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce was sailing on the President Harrison, the first of the new Dollar round-the-world ships, for a tour of the world boosting American trade. They will remain in Shanghai several days.

AMERICAN LOAN TO GERMANY IS VERY DOUBTFUL

Washington Believes Proposal Will Fail Without Priority

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Treasury Department said today that they believed that the proposed loan by the United States to Germany would prove impossible of realization unless the loan were given priority rights over reparations.

(Reuter's Service)

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The first attack on the stability of the rentenmark, which has considerably improved economic conditions in Germany, was made today by Dr. Luther, the Finance Minister, who at a meeting of the Board of the Rentenbank, requested it to grant Government credit additional to the 1,200,000,000 rentenmarks already granted. Dr. Luther declared that it was only a question of a short-period credit which would not affect inflation. The Board rejected the request, fearing that further credits to the Government would undermine faith in the rentenmark.' In view of the Board's refusal, Dr. Luther will obtain the money by issuing Exchequer short-term bills in rentenmarks to banks and agricultural concerns.

(Exclusive China Press)

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Advices from Munich state that rumors are prevalent there that there is danger of a Nationalist Socialist uprising there and that the authorities are taking every precaution to guard against an outbreak of hostilities against the government.

(Exclusive China Press)

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The number of deaths from starvation is increasing by leaps and bounds because of the shortage and high prices of food and the poverty of the people. Official reports show that from January 1 until October 31, 23,103 have died from starvation.

Coolidge Opens Red Cross Convention

Red Cross Meeting.

President Calvin Coolidge made his first public address since occupying the White House, when he opened the annual convention of the American Red Cross. This photograph shows the President and members of the Executive and Central committees before the Red Cross Headquarters. Left to right, in the front row, are John D. Ryan, Eliott Wadsworth, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; John Barton Payne, Chairman of the American Red Cross; President Coolidge, Secretary Herbert Hoover, Robert W. Bliss, and C. Bascom Slemp, President Coolidge's secretary.

COMMUNITY TREE AND PROGRAM IS GREAT SUCCESS

Throng Of Children And Grown-Ups Enjoy Affair

A huge and thoroughly appreciative gathering of young folks and adults gathered at dusk last evening before the Cricket Club pavilion to enjoy the beautifully illuminated Community Christmas Tree and the delightful tableaux and carols. And many were the gifts brought to the tree, or turned over to the Kipa's Daughters' Society in connection therewith, for distribution among the needy.

The whole affair, which was under the general direction of the Dramatic Department of the American Woman's Club, led by Mrs. Winthrop Crane, assisted by the Music Department, was unqualifiedly successful.

The big tree flashed into light at precisely 6 o'clock. Then came the tableaux, given on the steps of the Cricket Club, which was trimmed with evergreen and fir trees. The first scene was that of the Annunciation then Mary and Joseph were shown on their way to Nazareth the latter upon a donkey. Followed the manger scene, with Mary, Joseph and St. Anne in adoration, then the three Shepherds and the Wise Men, the closing tableaux being that of Christ blessing the children.

The part of the Angel of the Annunciation was taken by Mrs. Schuhl; Mary, Mrs. C. H. Lavers; Joseph, Mr. George Fryer; St. Anne, Mrs. R. W. Squires; the Shepherds and Angels, by Russians; the Three Wise Men, Mesdames R. I. Clapp, R. H. Hud-

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B.A.T. Profits This Year £4,495,000 Pay 9 Percent More

Total Dividend For Year Is Twenty-Four Percent

(Reuter's Service)

London, Dec. 20.—The annual report of the British American Tobacco Company shows a net profit of £4,495,000. A final dividend of 9 percent has been declared, making a total of 24 percent as last year. A total of £3,531,000 has been carried forward.

It was said by local officials of the British-American Tobacco Company last night that the report of the company includes returns from at least 50 subsidiary companies all over the world, and that only a small part of the total resulted from the trade in China.

Plucky Ricsha Man Nabs Robber Who Attacked Japanese

Through the plucky efforts of a ricsha coolie one of three Chinese highwaymen who attacked and attempted to rob a Japanese named T. Kurada on Minghong Road Thursday afternoon was brought severely to book at the Mixed Court yesterday.

After his master had been stopped by the trio, the coolie sounded a police whistle, whereupon the men tried to escape. He chased and grappled with one, however, and succeeded in handing him over to a Sikh policeman. The robber, one Dzung Ah-kung, who has had five previous convictions in the Mixed Court, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment by Assessor Whitamore and Magistrate Li yesterday.

Quarter Million Dollars To Charity From Race Club

More than a quarter of a million dollars has been given to charities during the past year by the Shanghai Race Club, according to announcement by Mr. G. H. Stitt, Chairman.

The sum represents the proceeds obtained for charity through race meetings during the year. Of the total the amount of $118,000 has been obtained during the last half-year and a record of the distribution will be found below, as given in Mr. Stitt's letter. The distribution of $127,172 obtained during the first half of the year has been previously announced, and to this must be added $5,000 contributed to the Japan earthquake fund from the Club's general funds and $4,172.44 contributed to the Endowment Fund for British War Graves, Tsingtao from the last New Year race meeting but omitted from the first half-year's report.

The distribution of this half-year's contribution is as follows:

Charing Cross Hospital	$1,500
Dr. Barnardo's Homes	500
The Editor "Truth" for Lady St. Heller's Holiday Fund, Sixpenny Fund, Tress Barry Fund	500
Shanghai Charity Trust	50,000
Union Jack Club	8,000
Mission to Seamen, Shanghai	1,750
St. Joseph's Catholic Association, Wayport	
Rooms for Seamen	1,750
Hanbury Institute	1,250
Mercantile Marine Masters' and Officers' Relief Fund	500
Shantung Road Hospital	1,000

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MY WORD!

In these parlous days where may one look for a place of safety for one's personal property?

The other day an adroit Chinese thief swiped a couple of articles of apparrel from the very midst of Hongkew Police Station. And yesterday the sacred precincts of the Municipal Council Chambers were desecrated in similar fashion—and the victim was a prominent Councilman. The articles pinched were the scarf and hat of Mr. E. F. Mackay, who was attending a meeting in the Council rooms and had left his raiment just without the sanctum. And, moreover, adding to the outrageousness of the happening, it is rumored that the Commissioner of Police was attending the same meeting.

REBEL'S FATE IN MEXICO HINGES ON SAN MARCO BATTLE

Federals And Revolutionists Both Claim Successes

(Exclusive China Press)

Mexico City, Dec. 21.—It is officially stated that the fate of the revolution is being decided upon the battlefield at San Marco where Federal troops are now engaged against the most powerful group of Rebels under General Gonzales.

(Exclusive China Press)

Vera Cruz, Dec. 21.—Revolutionary headquarters here announce a general retreat of President Obregon's troops is now in progress toward Apizaco. The new line of defense of the Federal forces, according to the rebel statement, runs from Munoa to Horcio station, about 35 miles northeast of Mexico City.

(Reuter's American Service)

Mexico City, Dec. 20.—President Obregon today told foreign journalists that his enemies had refused to give battle either at Vera Cruz or at Jalisco but continually retreated, tearing up tracks to prevent pursuit and leaving prisoners and munitions behind. He, however, expected a battle on the west coast of the state of Jalisco shortly.

On the other hand the rebel leader General Adolfo Huerta has had broadcast by wireless a statement declaring that the revolutionaries control the states of Vera Cruz, Oajaca, Puebla, Colima, Jalisco, Zacatecas, Michoacan, Nayarit, Aquas Calientes and Guerrero and adding that the rebels possess 40,000 armed troops who are fighting with spirit and without pay.

(Reuter's American Service)

Galveston, Dec. 20.—Rebel despatches from Vera Cruz claim that the Federal forces were defeated after eight hours' fighting between Puebla and Tetzmeloccan and that the rebels captured three machine-guns and took 300 prisoners. Hard fighting is in progress at Apitzaco, an important railway position.

(Reuter's American Service)

New York, Dec. 21.—It is officially reported from Mexico City that the Federal troops have captured Zacoalco.

(Reuter's American Service)

Vera Cruz, Dec. 21.—It is reported that General Sanchez, the commander of the rebel land forces, has gone to Esperanza to confer with other rebel leaders to devise a plan for terminating the conflict.

Borah Again Urges Outlawing Of All War

(Reuter's American Service)

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Borah has re-introduced in the Senate his war resolution, which failed to pass last session, urging the outlawing of all war and suggesting a judicial substitute in the nature of an international court.

SUN CHARGES BRITISH ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CRISIS

Wires Ramsay Macdonald Of Alleged Plot

MARINES LAND

Threaten Anti-British And American Boycott

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Hongkong, Dec. 21.—Dr. Sun Yat-sen has telegraphed to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., asking him to "bring to the notice of the British people, particularly the workers the situation which His Majesty's representative in China has been mainly instrumental in creating at Canton. My government is being threatened with acts of war by an international force of nearly a score of cruisers and gunboats and armed men have already been landed at Shameen. This is the work of the Diplomatic Body in Peking taken at the instance of the British Minister on the advice of the Senior Consul in Canton, who is His Majesty's Consul-General, and the Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who is a British national." Dr. Sun reminds Mr. Macdonald that China, which is admittedly one of the richest markets for British goods, cannot be secured by the gunboat policy of old diplomacy though it can be won by a policy aiming at capture of Chinese goodwill.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 18.—The only news from Canton today is that the French have landed seventy marines on their concession in the Shameen owing to the inadequate accomodation on board the destroyers, while the British also have a number of men ashore.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Canton, Dec. 20.—The morning of December 20 found Canton placarded with posters agitating for a boycott against the British and Americans, owing to the misunderstanding that British and American diplomatic influence is responsible for the Canton authorities' request for a division of the Customs surplus not being granted.

The recent diplomatic unofficial reply was handed to Dr. Sun Yat-sen yesterday.

The naval forces in Canton waters comprise six American, six British, two Japanese and two French ships and one Italian vessel. It is understood that these will take no action unless the Customs administration is forcibly interfered with. So far everything has been quiet.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Hongkong, Dec. 21.—Placards are appearing in the streets of Canton urging an anti-British and anti-American boycott. Other posters appeal to the people to unite to secure the Customs surplus in order to "save the Chinese nation."

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Hongkong, December 21.—The following brief summary of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's statement has been presented to the Governor of Hongkong. The preamble recites the history of the Customs surplus and recapitulates the correspondence between the Canton authorities and the Diplomatic Body and Consular Corps. It embodies extracts of the Peking Diplomatic Body's reply cabled on December 18.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen asserts that the foreign Powers are not justified to assemble their ships of war in Canton harbor as they are now doing in order to protect a nominally disputable right but they practically assist the Peking Government to impose its will upon the Canton Government. Dr. Sun Yat-sen's government on December 19 ordered the Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs to retain Canton and other places hereafter designated and all Customs revenue collected within its territory and to refund all arrears of Customs surplus since March, 1920. If the order is not obeyed the Canton government will proceed to appoint new Customs officials who

will recognise its authority and will loyally assist and co-operate in carrying on the public and routine work of the government. The statement argues that the foreign Powers are without treaty right to interfere in such a routine act of administration.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Hongkong, Dec. 21.—Mr. Eugene Chen, Dr. Sun Yat-sen's confidential secretary, had a conference with the Governor and high officials today. Sir Reginald Stubbs listened to a presentation of Dr. Sun's case in regard to the Customs surplus question.

General opinion here does not favor action calculated to disturb the economic relations of Hongkong and Canton.

(Eastern News Agency)

Canton, Dec. 21.—The Canton Government orginally decided to give instructions on the 19th instant to the Commissioner of Customs to deliver up the Customs surplus, but the decision was afterwards changed, and it is authoritatively reported that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has despatched a telegram to the Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs at Peking, demanding that the Customs surplus collected since March, 1920, in Kuangtung, Kuangsi, and Szechwan, which Dr. Sun asserts are under the jurisdiction of the Southern Government, be handed over to Canton.

In this connection, the authorities of the Foreign office of the Canton Government state that the Customs surplus, which is to be paid to the Canton Government, is about $300,000 per month and add that in the event of the Inspector-General of the Customs failing to comply with the demand from the Canton Government, the latter is prepared to establish its own Customs Houses in the South. It is understood that in a day or two, full particulars of the progress regarding the claim for the Customs surplus will be published in the name of the Foreign Office of the Canton Government.

BRITISH NAME REPARATIONS REPRESENTATIVES

Norman, Stamp And McKenna To Consider Questions

(Reuter's Service)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The British members of the reparations committee on the German budget will be Mr. Montagu Norman and Sir Josiah Stamp, while Mr. Reginald McKenna will serve on the committee to enquire into the question of German capital abroad.

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The resumption of work continues in the Ruhr where out of 500,000 workers employed in normal times 430,000 have been recorded as now working in the various coal exploitations. The food situation is improving and the retail price of food has been decreased by 25 percent.

On December 19 the occupation authorities granted the withdrawal of 32 expulsion orders.

Largest Microscope Is Completed

World's largest microscope

What is said to be the largest microscope in the world has been completed by W. H. Reagan, of Los Angeles. It resembles a telescope more than a microscope.

Little Marion Baker is shown here, with the builder, looking at a miniature picture through the instrument.

Settlement Of Tangier Question Pleases Press

(French Wireless through Reuter)

Paris, Dec. 20.—Following the signature of the Statute of Tangier the French and British press show complete satisfaction at the results obtained by mutual concessions, preserving the essential points which were for France the sovereignty of the Sultan and for Britain commercial freedom and neutralisation.

The Giornale d'Italia having published an interview with Signor Tittoni, who declared that Tangier was an exception from the rest of Morocco, the Temps recalls that the Franco-Italian statements in 1912 on Morocco and Lybia referred to the preceding arrangements of 1900 and 1902, which specified the French disinterestedness in Lybia and that of Italy in Morocco at a time when Morocco was not divided into zones.

The Franco-Spanish agreement specifying the delimitation of the Spanish zone and consequently that of Tangier was, moreover, signed one month after the Franco-Italian declarations of 1912.

Deported Chinese, Now In Canada, May Return To Shanghai

An unusual application was made at the Mixed Court yesterday when that tribunal was petitioned to cancel a deportation order made eight years ago against a Chinese who has since been a resident of Canada and the respected employe of a shipping firm. The applicant, Waung Ching-ziang, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment and expulsion in 1915 on a charge of assult. Inspector MacKenzie stated to the court yesterday that in view of the circumstances, the police would not oppose the application providing Waung be required to give bond to be of future good behaviour in Shanghai. The Court granted the application and ordered that bond in the sum of $500 be signed. Waung is still in Canada.

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Rumor Is Severely Discounted In Shanghai Shipping Circles

Reports that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha had taken over the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, a transfer involving 20 passenger and freight vessels with a gross tonnage of over 100 000 tons could not be confirmed in Shanghai last night, although the rumor persisted in shipping circles that the amalgamation papers had been signed in Tokio yesterday.

Mr. S. Kinno, local agent for the T. K. K. said yesterday that he had no information of any such deal and doubted very much the accuracy of the report. Both the N. Y. K. and T. K. K. are understood to have had severe losses of late because of the keen competition offered by the American Shipping Board vessels and the losses sustained in the earthquake, and neither company is believed to be in a position at the present time to undertake a financial deal of the size necessary to take over 20 ships.

An amalgamation such as that rumored would have a considerable effect on local shipping as a large number of the vessels of both lines are engaged in passenger and freight carrying from this port.

Community Tree And Program Is Great Success

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son and H. Bernard; Merchants, Messrs. H. Bernard, R. I. Clapp and R. H. Hudson; Flower Girl, Mrs. L. R. Schinazi; Beggar, Mr. Schinazi; Water Carrier, Mrs. Kingsbury. Mrs. Scott Emens and Mrs. Terry also took part in the tableaux with a number of children. The costuming was most attractive and the various scenes were carried out most smoothly and effectively.

The chorus, composed of members of Community Church choir was under the able direction of Miss Jansen and Mrs. R. M. Vanderburgh of the Music Department and the singing was excellent, the chorus swelling across the broad expanse of the Recreation Grounds and delighting the ears of passers-by.

Boy Scouts aided throughout the day yesterday in receiving the numerous parcels of clothing, food and Christmas delicacies which will be distributed to the needy in Shanghai.

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Genuine York (about 14 lbs.)	per lb.	$1.65
English Cured 10/14 lbs.	„ „	1.30
do. do. 16/20 lbs.	„ „	1.25

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English Ox-Tongues	2 lb. Glass	$4.85
English Calves Tongues	1 lb. „	2.85
English Lunch Tongues	½ „ „	1.95
Oxford Brawn	½ lb. „	0.95
Assorted Meat Pates	small tins	0.55

Xmas Plum Puddings

1 lb. Basin	each	$1.45
2 lb. „	„	2.45
3 lb. „	„	3.45
1 lb. Tins	„	1.15
2 lb. do.	„	2.20
3 lb. do.	„	3.25
4 lb. do.	„	3.95
Mincemeat (Chiver's) per jar	„	0.85
do. (C. & B's) „ „	„	1.10

NUTS

Almonds	per lb.	$0.70
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Brazil	„ „	0.70
Walnuts	„ „	0.85
Mixed	„ „	0.75

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LEAGUE CLOSES SESSION AFTER HUNGARY PROBE

Twentieth Meeting Of Representatives Closes At Paris

(French Wireless through Reuter)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The 20th session of the Council of the League of Nations closed his morning at the Hotel de Ville under the presidency of Viscount Ishii. Representatives of Rumania, Jugo-Slavia and Czecho-Slovakia were present.

In the course of the last sitting the Council took note of the efforts for the financial restoration of Hungary. It decided upon the text of two protocols to be signed next month, the former establishing for the relations of Hungary with her neighbors a guarantee analogous to that included in the protocol with relation to Austria, and the latter defining the duties of Hungary to the League of Nations regarding the restoration of the budget and the control of finances.

In the course of the sitting M. Taiesco recalled that the Entente had taken the initiative for the financial restoration of Hungary.

Count Bothlen thanked M. Hanotaux as the interpreter of French sentiments and expressed satisfaction at the act which confirmed the Treaties of Versailles and the Trianon and proved a spirit of harmony and good understanding.

Viscount Ishii expressed the thanks of the Council to the City of Paris.

The Secretary-General of the League has addressed to the Chairman of the Paris Municipal Council and to the Prefect of the Seine letters of thanks for their hospitality to the Council, saying: "Never outside of Geneva has the work of the Council been able to carry on in such favorable conditions."

REPORT QUAKES IN SOUTH AMERICA AND PHILIPPINES

Three Towns Destroyed And Many Injured In Mexico

(Reuter's American Service)

Douglas, Arizona, Dec. 21.—Reports received here state that an earthquake at nine last night destroyed the townships of Granadas, Huasbas and Opoto in the state of Sonora, Mexico, killing and injuring many.

(Reuter's American Service)

Guayaquil, Dec. 20.—Reports from Tulcan state that earthquake shocks are continuing. Twelve were counted within twenty-four hours. It is estimated that the dead total 150, while several hundreds have been injured. earthquake rohhs

(Exclusive China Press)

London, Dec. 21.—Over 400 people have been killed in the earthquakes in Colombia according to reports received here today. The property damage is also reported to be extremely large.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Manila, Dec. 21.—An earthquake lasting a few seconds occurred at four o'clock this morning. It originated in Verde Island Channel, 150 miles south of Manila. The shock woke sleepers here.

British Bankers Syndicate Will Go Into Turkey

(Exclusive China Press)

New York, Dec. 21.—Mr. Horace M. Knowles, counsel for the Ottoman-American Development Company, announced today that a syndicate, backed by London bankers, had been formed with a capital of £5,000,000 to take control of the Chester concessions in Turkey.

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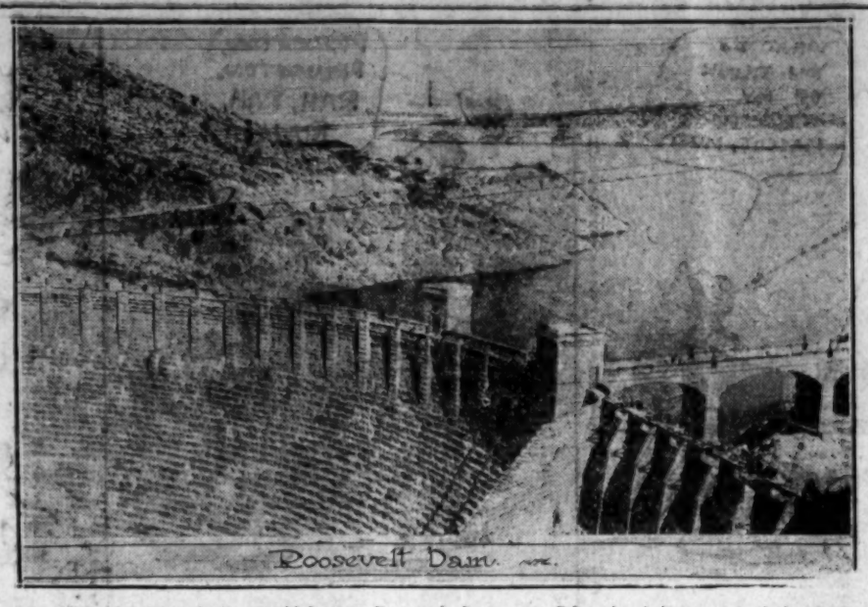

Above is pictured the world-famous Roosevelt Dam, near Phoenix, Arizona, one of the greatest irrigation projects ever undertaken, as well as one of the greatest engineering feats. This immense dam has transformed thousands of acres of arid desert into fertile farmlands and has opened a way to a new center of settlement in the great Southwest.

Fear Fresh Outbreak Of Shantung Bandits

(Continued from Page 1)

ed chieftans of the Pao Tzu Ku outlaws at the time Sun Mei-yao became their leader. One was beheaded by Tuchun Tien just before the Lincheng outrage, and the other, who was a member of the band that wrecked the train and took the Chinese and foreigners captive, was an officer under his brother at Tsaochuang. He is reported to have escaped and will unquestionably resume the leadership of his bandit followers.

POLITICAL PLOT

The only outstanding figure among the exbandits who is said to have retained his rank in the army following General Chang's execution of Sun, is Col. Kuo Chi-tsai, a former officer in the Anhwei army under Marshal Tuan.

Because of Col. Kuo's former allegiance, and present safety, and the present friction between the Chihli and Anhwei cliques close followers of Chinese politics lay the onus of Sun Mei-yao's execution on to the Anhwei faction.

Sun Mei-yao was sent to his death, this school of politicians believe, not because he was in open rebellion against Peking, on the other hand they point out that he has been extremely successful in his bandit suppression activities since his own 'conversion'—but because it was an opportunity which the Anhwei clique could not pass by.

General Chang, they point out, succeeded General Ho Fung-yu as commander of the local troops at Tsaochuang. The troops of General Ho's division were supposedly fighting the bandits at Pao Tzu Ku just before the Lincheng affair, but were actually, foreigners at Tsaochuang discovered, selling ammunition to the bandits. General Ho was also subsequently cashiered and removed from Tsaochuang because of the obstacles he placed in the way of the foreigners who were attempting to negotiate for the release of the captives.

SAME CLIQUE

General Ho's men, they argue, have not changed, and General Chang, General Ho's successor, is also a member of Marshal Tuan's clique, and, at the present time, almost on the point of open warfare with the Chihli faction.

President Tsao Kun and the other Chihli leaders, it is said, knowing that warfare between the Chihli and Anhwei cliques is imminent, would not brazenly alienate the bandits in Shantung and elsewhere by executing one of the biggest of the exbandits at this juncture. On the contrary, it is said, the Anhwei clique, wishing to antagonise the bandits against the Chihli party, have plotted to have Sun executed, lay the blame on Peking, and consequently have the various bandit gangs scattered throughout the six provinces, causing the Chihli-ites considerable trouble during the impending warfare.

This view is borne out by the fact that some Chinese telegrams received in Shanghai yesterday quoted Tsao Kun and other Chihli leaders as saying that they know nothing about Sun's execution until after it had occurred. They are also considerably put out because of the execution and its probable consequences, the reports state.

Representatives of many who are vitally interested in the occurence are now en route to Lincheng and Tsaochuang and fuller and more detailed reports of the alleged mutiny, the execution and the political consequences are expected within a few days.

The Shanghai Tribune (Chinese) commenting upon the execution of Sun Mei-yao, says:

"Sun Mei-yao was a mere bandit, indulging in murder and robbery as his profession. His crime deserved death even before he held up the "Blue Express" and took Chinese and foreign captives for ransom. But the death penalty was not meted out for him at that time. Today, he is executed not for robbery or murder, but for communicating with the notorious brigand chief, Lao Yang Jen.

"It is a historical truth that it is easier to suppress bandits than to take them into the army. Most bandits could not be converted into soldiers of loyalty and would mutiny and go back to their old profession. The practice of keeping in touch with their former confrerres is common. The regrettable thing is that the authorities of Shantung were unable to execute him at the time when he demanded the reorganisation of his following while holding his captives as a means of bartering, but have to wait until he had been appointed a full-fledged brigadier-general of the national army and get rid of him for sedition. One may rejoice over this particular case, but consider the precedent that had been established and the way paved for the rise of other bandits like Sun Mei-yao!"

Peking To Issue Data On Francs

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 18.—Owing to the numerous inaccurate reports circulated by political propagandists the Government has resolved to issue a circular telegram to the provinces giving the full history of the gold francs question.

STOCK AUCTION

Opportunity for buyers to acquire at public auction some of the finest cows imported to this country will be given at 2:30 p.m. today at 60 Chaoufoong Road—the Kalgan Dairy Farm and Livery Stables. A select lot of dogs is also being offered and all interested in cows, horses, dogs or goats may find the sale of profit to them. The auction is being conducted by Messrs. L. Moore & Co., Ltd.

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EMPRESS WILL TAKE AMERICAN MAIL MONDAY

President Grant Due To Arrive Christmas Afternoon

Taking mail for America and Europe, the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Australia will leave Woosung for Vancouver via Japan ports at 8 o'clock Monday evening, and the tender with passengers for the steamer will leave the Customs jetty at 4.30 p.m. The liner arrives at Woosung from Hongkong at midnight tomorrow night, and incoming passengers from the ship are expected to land at the Customs jetty about 9.30 a.m. Monday.

Following the sailing of the Chambord for Marseilles yesterday morning, the next mail for Europe will be dispatched on the P. and O. liner Kaiser-I-Hind next Tuesday. The vessel arrived in Shanghai from Kobe yesterday morning, and sails for London via ports on Tuesday evening. The tenders with passengers for the vessel will leave at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Bringing a heavy Christmas mail from the States, the Admiral liner President Grant, which was delayed, is expected to arrive in Shanghai next Tuesday afternoon. The vessel had encountered a bad weather in the Pacific and was due at Yokohama yesterday.

The President Wilson, which is also delayed, will arrive in Shanghai from San Francisco via Honolulu and Japan ports on December 30, and the Tenyo Maru is due at Woosung next Wednesday. The P. and O. boat Sicilia left Bombay for Shanghai via ports at 10 a.m. on December 19.

Four Fire Calls Keep Brigade Busy

The Fire Brigade answered four calls yesterday between mid-day and shortly after 9:30 p.m. The first was to 235 Tientsin Road where an overturned oil lamp had fired the dwelling. The first and ground floors of this address were badly damaged and the first floor of the adjoining house No. 234, but the firemen succeeded holding the blaze to these structures.

At 7:45 p.m. four Chinese houses at 16, 17, 18, and 19 Bingan Road were found well alight and these were practically destroyed, the rest of the block being saved. The houses were occupied by employes of the Sing Sing Cotton Mill. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.

While Sinza Division was engaged at this fire Hongkew was called to an alleyway off Yuenfong Road and found three houses ablaze. They were little more than wooden shacks and were badly damaged, but the spread was effectively checked. An upset lamp was the cause.

At 9:33 Yangtszepoo Division turned out on a call to Meichow and Ward Roads but could find no outbreak and it is believed that burning joss paper caused the alarm.

Marathon Dance At Parisien Tonight

Tonight, at the Hotel Parisien, a distinct novelty in cafe entertainment will be introduced, in the form of a "marathon" dance.

Those who compete in this dance for which three handsome prizes will be offered—will begin at 11 o'clock and continue without stopping until three. The winners, to be decided by the spectators, will be judged according to their condition at the finish, the couple least fatigued to get the first prize. The prizes were on exhibition in the hotel lobby last evening, and certainly appeared to be worth striving for. A large number of couples have signified their intention to compete for the prizes. Bill Chambers and his singing orchestra will furnish continuous music.

In addition to the marathon dance there will be a Christmas Tree and special numbers by four young women. Paoli, the famous Parisien singer, will entertain as usual, and there will be a special dinner.

Judged by reservations already made it looks like one of the biggest nights Parisien ever had.

NEW DIRECTOR

(Reuter's Service)

London, Dec. 21.—Mr. J. B. A. Kessler has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company.

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GET THAT BULL PUP, TIGER!

News Brevities

The services Sunday at the Free Christian Church will be in connection with the Sunday School, and the offerings will be given to the work of Dr. Barnado's Homes. The preacher at both services will be the Rev. G. J. B. Davis, M. A., who has labored for many years with the Pocket Testament League. He has travelled very widely in connection with this work, and arrived in Shanghai a few days ago from New Zealand, where he conducted a very successful mission. He leaves early next week for the North to labor for awhile among the men of General Feng's army.

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William Forbes and Company's godown in the Russian concession in Tientsin was destroyed by fire on Tuesday at a loss of Tls. 130,000. The godown was filled with horsehair which filled the entire sky with pugent smoke. The loss was fully covered by insurance.

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The wedding occured in Kobe last week of Mr. John R. Brown and Miss Ruth Miriam Pollard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lessey Pollard of Yokohama.

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Mr. Bertram Giles, Consul-General in H. B. M.'s service in China, is a passenger to Hongkong by the M. M. str. Andre Lebon which left Marseilles on November 16 Mr. Giles, it is understood, is proceeding to Canton to take charge of the Consulate-General at that port.

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The final performance of the A. D. C. production, "Madame Sherry", will be given at the Lyceum Theater tonight.

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The Rev. A. N. Rowland will preach on "The Secret of Christmas" at the Union Church services tomorrow morning, and on "The Messiah" at the evening services. Solos from "The Messiah" will be sung at the evening service.

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The British Consulate-General will be closed to public business on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Announcement is made of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. D.F.R. McMullan at Temple Hill Hospital, Chefoo, on December 15.

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Lieut.-Col. Carleton Brown, personal representative of the president of the Canadian National Railways, is at present in Shanghai on a short trip of inspection. He came to Shanghai from Australia, New Zealand, and Hongkong sizing up conditions in general in the Far East. He will be at the Astor House until Thursday, when he leaves for Japan.

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As a result of the case in which Mr. Williams of the Imperial Hotel in Tientsin was fined for assaulting Major Lulu, chief of the Chinese police in the ex-German concession, the *Peking and Tientsin Times* has begun a publicity campaign against Major Lulu, alleging that while he himself gambles for high stakes he has not been prosecuted.

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A Christmas Cantata "The Story of Bethlehem" by William R. Spence will be given by a choir of twenty seven voices at the afternoon services of Community Church on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Navy Y. M. C. A. The singers have been practising for this event many weeks under the direction of Miss Bernice Austin of the American School and Mrs. Charlotte Sleeper. The Cantata is divided into two parts: first the story of the coming of the shepherds and then the story of the coming of the magi.

The Girls Club Department of the Chinese Y. W. C. A. will give a series of Christmas tableaux at 5 p.m. today at 61 Range Road. Girls from six Chinese schools will take part. There will also be carol singing, a community Christmas tree, folk dances and Chinese boxing.

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Captain Robert Dollar, who is to be a guest of the General Committee of the Union Club of China at the "Fellowship Tiffin" to be held on Friday, December, 28, at 12:15 p.m. has very kindly consented to give an address.

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Captain Robert Dollar was the guest of honor at a tiffin given by employees of the local offices at the New Carlton yesterday. Captain Dollar is remaining in Shanghai until January 4, when he will sail for Hongkong and Manila.

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Mr. Junius B. Wood, Far Eastern correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, sailed on the s.s. Chambord yesterday for Hongkong en route to Canton to 'cover' the situation that is developing there.

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The Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Kiangsu Educational Association will join in a dinner to be given this evening at 7 o'clock in honor of Captain Robert Dollar. Chinese officials and American merchants will also be guests.

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The Executive Committee of the B.W.A. would be grateful if members would send gifts of plum puddings, sweets and crackers for the dinner to be given to the men of the Mercantile Marine on Christmas Day. All gifts should be marked "Christmas Dinner" and sent to the Hanbury Institute in care of the Reverend T. W. Hall.

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Senhor De Freitas, retiring Doyen of the Peking Diplomatic Corps, left Shanghai for Macao yesterday morning by the French Mail steamer Chambord.

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G. Berger, Russian, 264 Avenue Joffre, was cautioned by Assessor Ivanoff and Magistrate Tsang of the Mixed Court yesterday for driving a motor car on the wrong side of the traffic island at Avenue Edward VII and Thibet Road.

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On application by Sub-Inspector Mills, eight Mauser pistols found in two rickshas on Yates Road by a police search party on the night of December 10 were ordered confiscated by the Mixed Court yesterday. Sub-Inspector Mills stated that four men had been arrested subsequently in connection with the case and had been dealt with in the French Mixed Court.

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A Chinese named Woo Shwaung was found guilty yesterday by the Mixed Court of the theft of seven bundles of blank insurance premium bonds from the offices of the American Asiatic Underwriters, 3 Canton Road. He was arrested by a watchman while leaving the offices. The case was remanded for sentence one week to allow further investigation.

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Senor de Freitas, doyen of the Diplomatic Corps at Peking and Portuguese Minister, sailed yesterday on the s.s. Chambord for Hongkong en route to Macau to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. de Freitas accompanied him. During his absence the Dutch Minister is acting doyen at Peking.

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Traffic along the Soochow Creek west of Sinza Road Bridge was held up for half an hour yesterday at noon on account of the congestion. Representatives of the rice trade met yesterday to discuss plans for the dredging of the creek on their own initiative.

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A Chinese named Tsiang Sih-yui, convicted of participation in an armed robbery committed at 22 Alabaster Road on January 21 last, when $2,000 in money and jewelry was stolen, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment by Assessor Martin and Magistrate Kwan of the Mixed Court yesterday. Three others prison terms in connection with have already been sentenced to the robbery and two are still sought by the police. The Court ordered that all those sentenced be expelled from the Settlement at the expiry of their terms.

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Michael Glafzer, Russian musician who was fined $10 and ordered to pay $150 compensation to George Mouzytchenko for assaulting the latter in the lobby of the Astor House on December 1, was fined $25 by the Mixed Court yesterday for contempt of court. He had failed to deposit his passport with the Court as ordered.

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We have received from the Westinghouse International Company specimens of a neat and useful pocket diary for 1924. The booklet, besides diary space, contains data of value to electrical men and engineers in general, as well as maps and travel routes of the world.

TO OPEN RAILWAY

(French Wireless through Reuter)

Paris, Dec. 20.—M. Touzet, Chief Secretary at the Ministry of the Colonies, has left Paris for Dakar where he will officially represent the Minister at the ceremony of the opening of the Thies-Kayes Railway.

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China Press Sports

SILENCE MAY BE GOLDEN, OR IT MAY INDICATE GUILT

SQUEEBINGS BEAT PUBLIC SCHOOL BY ONE SIDED SCORE

Hong Team Takes Contest On "Y" Floor, 69-24; Dud Squires Stars

BY LOWELL UPSON

In a game to decide the premier position in the Foreign League Basketball last night on the Chinese "Y" floor the Squeebings trounced their most dangerous opponent, the Public School five by a score of 69-24.

The referee's whistle had hardly started the game before Hines netted the ball for the first basket, closely followed by Dud Squires who also put up a marker. The scoring continued until the Hong five had the score ten to nil in their favor. A hasty and desperate shot from Kableitz, the school's chief speed merchant then put the schoolboys on the map. Levis and Jesu also put two or three sensational shots.

With the Squebings fighting hard over every inch on the floor they ended the first period of play by a 33-13. With this comfortable lead the Hong teamers went in the second half of the game and added 36 more points. Shipley put away the most baskets in the latter period of play although he and Dud Squires were tied at the end of the game in basket honors.

For the losers Levis and Kabletiz did the scoring however the latter had a bit of hard luck when he was compelled to quit the game on account of an injured hand after he had played valaintly in pain for some time. The game on the whole was a fast and furious affair and the referee allowed almost everything except murder.

The next game in the Foreign Basketball Division is carded for January 3 when the Squeebings will again appear on the floor, with the Rowing Club five will be their opponents.

The summaries:

Squires Bingham 69: Dud Squires lf, Shipley rf, Hines c, Roy Squires lg, Hirsh rg, Mitchell lg.

Public School 24: Bell lf, Levis rf, Kabelitz c, Jesu lg, Mahon rg, Raymond f.

Goals from the floor: Dud Squires 10, Shipley 10, Hines 7, Roy Squires 7, Levis 5, Kabelitz 4, Jesu 2.

Goals from fouls: Levis 2, Hines.

Referee: Remedios.

Timer, Shipley.

Scorer: Wright.

SHOOT FINAL SCENES TONIGHT AT "MOVIE" BALL

Local Cinema Production To Figure At New Maxim's

Certain sections of the downtown district took on an aspect distinctly reminiscent of Hollywood yesterday—with differences: For instance in Hollywood nobody gets steamed up or hysterical at the sight of a party of Commanche Indians galloping about unattached or a tin motor car trying to crash a seven-ton truck. People merely shrug and look about for the camera man. Shanghai hasn't yet grown up to that philosophy so yesterday there was considerable excitement and several near traffic-jams when Manager Irwin C. Tourell and his company of leads and supers started through the business area making shots for the local celluloid drama "A Home Town Romance" which will have its culminating scenes staged tonight at the New Maxim's "Movie Ball."

One scene in particular yesterday which nearly brought a call for the riot squad and conjured up visions of the year's 102nd armed robbery, eventuated outside the International Bank, where a couple of the villyuns were supposed to grab the bank roll meant to pay off the mortgage on the old homestead.

Manager Tourell, directing the picture, had his camera man shoot some 1,500 feet of film yesterday, he states, and expects to add a considerable tootage tonight. The picture will be developed next week and will later be shown in locat motion picture theaters.

Patrons of New Maxim's are naked to come in costume and in imitation of famous actors and actresses of the screen. For the most original costume effects the management will give $100 in cash prizes.

The Dog Watch

By Westa

THERE was a story in one of the home papers that arrived a few days ago concerning certain observations that were made by a golfer whose home is just across a narrow lane from the seventh green and eighth tee of one of the New Jersey courses.

This bozo, in a letter he wrote to the golf editor of one of the New York papers, said it long had been his custom on Sunday mornings after finishing his round to go home and sit on his front porch, reading his paper and watching his fellow club members as they holed out on the adjoining green and drove off from the next tee, and that in this way he had come upon a principle which, if it could be universally applied, would take anywhere from ten to fifteen strokes off the average golfer's score.

The big discovery was made, he said, as a result of the circumstance that his daughter moved the phonograph out on the porch one morning, where she kept it going as the golfers came along.

That morning, the writer of the letter said, an unusual number of long putts went into the cup on the green opposite his home, while from the following tee there was hardly a missed drive. This streak of putting and driving on the part of golfers, many of whom he knew were shooting miles over their heads, aroused the curiosity of the men on the porch, and after a long study of the situation he got to thinking that the fine exhibition of golf across the way might, by some chance, be due to the music that was being ground out by his daughter's Victrola. This thought occurred to him, he said, by reason of the fact that only a few days previously he had read that a big factory in one of the New England towns had installed phonographs in the workrooms and kept them going while the men and women employees were busy at their benches, the result being a tremendous increase in output and efficiency.

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HAVING hit on that theory the writer said he stopped the music when suddenly, as though a blight had fallen on the golfers, they went back to the missed putts and sliced, or topped drives that he had been accustomed to look upon on other Sunday mornings. After that, he said, he could practically determine the shots of the golfers at will, insuring good ones by turning on the canned Caruso or poor ones by jamming the Victrola's voice into its throat.

This writer went on to say that until this discovery he had not realised what a tremendously important part rhythm plays in golf, and that by concentrating on that factor in his own game he had lowered his average score by a dozen strokes.

Here is a good hunch for the committee of the Shanghai Golf Club, and one they might act upon in a further effort to relieve the weekend congestion at Kiangwan. Taking a dozen strokes off of every player's score on that crowded course would speed up the game tremendously; so much, in fact, that the gong coolie could press the button every three, instead of every four minutes, as at present, which a simple calculation in arithmetic reveals would increase the course capacity by twenty-five percent.

This of course would involve an initial outlay for Victrolas, but they could be small machines of the type that could be strapped to the backs of the caddies. The outlay for machines would be more than made up by the increased revenue that would flow in from initiation fees and monthly dues of the new members that could bo accommodated under the new arrangement.

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OR the committee might engage the Municipal band and station it in the new grandstand of the I.R.C. This would mean a tremendously widened scope for Maestro Paci's organisation, as well as easing, even if slightly, the tax burden that rests with galling and relentless pressure on the necks of the settlement rate payers.

Still another suggestion would be to employ Bill Chambers and his fellow human orioles at the Parisien, and station them on a platform that could be built at small expense among the branches of the stately elms back of the twelfth green. This would mean a lot of extra work for Bill and his gang, it is true; but the trees mentioned adjoin the halfway filling station, which would mean a plentiful supply of lubricants for wetting the whistles of Bill's warblers should the need for them arise.

Bill, of course, would have to lay in a new stock of songs should the committee take him on for this work, and as a suggestion to him he might begin to look through his files for suitable pieces in anticipation of the proffer of a contract. One good song that he might use is an old one that used to be a favorite with Billy Emerson, I think it was; the old minstrel. It ran—

One, two, three, balance like me.
You are a daisy but you have your faults,
Your left foot is crazy, your right foot is lazy,
But don't be onaisy, I'll teach you to waltz.

Bill could paraphrase this to read—

One, two, three, swing now like me.
You are a daisy, but you'll have to strive.
Your left wrist is lazy, your right wrist is crazy,
But don't be onaisy, I'll teach you to drive.

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ALL the foregoing, I feel sure, will be greatly appreciated by Shanghai's army of golfers, all of whom will fervently hope that President Macdonald and his committee will act immediately on one of the very sensible suggestions herewith offered.

Next to the formula enunciated by Jimmie Butts, who thinks no more of running down to Woosung at 5 o'clock these chilly mornings to sprinkle crumbs for the starving pheasants in that vicinity than my four year old friend Virginia would think of hanging a smallpox sign on her chimney next Monday night, it is the best scheme I ever heard of to take a dozen strokes or so off the average golfer's score.

Jimmie's plan is to reduce the number of holes by at least two.

BARNEY GOOGLE By Billy De Beck

BOSS, AH'S DOWN TO 95 POUNDS AN AH'S SO HUNGWY I COULD EAT A GHOST - COULDN'T AH JES HAVE ONE WATERMELON?
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S.R.C. vs. LUSITANO

S.R.C. team: J. L. Wade, E. Turner, F. Witschi, G. E. Marshall, G. E. Knight, S. Emamooden, G. Johansson, V. Evans, J. R. Tordy, J. Johansson, R. M. Ogden.

S.R.C. 2nd vs. ST. XAVIERS

S.R.C. team: F. C. Roberts, R. Petersen, G. Griffiths, E. Gifford, J. Brockett, Lewis, J. Pote-Hunt, F. Hogburn, J. Petterson, W. Tingle, T. Emamooden.

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FRENCH PRESS APPROVES POLICY OF RETRENCHING

Defend Budget Against Alleged High Electoral Expenses

(Reuter's Service)

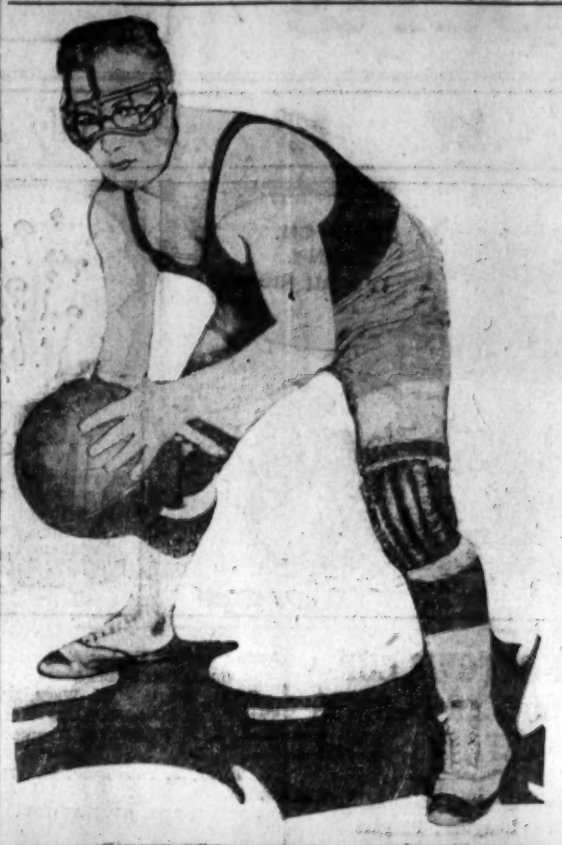
Paris, Dec. 20.—The Government today received a check at the hands of the Chamber of Deputies, which by 331 votes to 200 referred the bill for an increase of payment to public servants owing to the higher cost of living to a committee for further consideration. The Government had proposed that the increase should be 243,000,000 francs whereas the Socialists demanded 1,160,000,000 francs.

(French Wireless through Reuter)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The press emphasises the importance of the decision of the Government, explained by the Minister of Finance, M. de Lasteyrie, in the Chamber yesterday, not to grant the increase of 1,800 francs to officials.

The Temps approves the Government's resistance in order to preserve the country's finances, in spite of the interesting situation of the small officials. The Journal des Debats sees the principal cause of the high cost of living in the depreciation of the franc due to political and not to economic causes since the surplus of imports over exports, which was Frs. 1,800,000 in 1922, is only Frs. 1,460,000 in 1923. The journal concludes that defending the budget against high electoral expenses is the best means of hastening the recovery of the franc.

Basketballer Protects Eyes



Harvey Wilson.

A little thing like defective vision can't keep Harvey Wilson from going in for strenuous athletics. "Six Eyes," his friends call him, because he wears eye glasses and then a special steel headgear which protects them when he plays. Wilson is the star forward of the Travelers' Insurance Company team, which plays in the New York Insurance League of Basketball Teams.

Gen. Chao Heng-ti Is Promoted

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 21.—It is reported in military circles that the Government has decided to appoint General Chao Heng-ti Tuli of Honan concurrently Vice-Inspecting General of Hunan and Hupeh conditional upon the Northern troops being stationed at Changteh and Changsha. It is understood that General Chao Heng-ti will accept.

Skoltowe Cup Soccer Games

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match, which will be played at the Hongkew Park this afternoon at 3 p.m.: J. Wilson, J. Corbin, W. Naughton, H. Harvey, E. Waller, B. Schwartz, R. Whitmore, A. Parker, H. Park, M. Olauson, T. Symons.

Maritime Co.: Maitland, Sofoulis, Doreda, Spence, Roxburgh, Pena, A. Maitland, Macdonald, Howe, Brown.

S.F.C. "A" TEAM vs. ENG.

Skottowe Cup competition on S.F.C. ground at 3 p.m.: D. W. Leach, J. B. Brown, A. A. Gowan, N. F. Meyers, F. Shaffer, D. W. Keith, W. E. Dailey, A. S. Phillips, L. Goldman, L. Coulcher, A. V. White. Reserve: W. A. G. Price.

S.F.C. 2nd XI vs. NAVY

On Widow's monument ground at 3 p.m.: J. E. R. Harris, M. Tonkin, A. Loonie, J. R. Ewing, E. C. Barker, J. R. Hinton, A. P. Deer, T. E. Hammond, W. A. G. Price, S. Flood, A. Smith. Reserves: H. H. Nash, S. G. Hayes.

The line-up of the Public School team in today's game with the Police follows: Cotternal Smith, Jess, Harrison, Day, Mahon, Medar, Baxter, Drake, Musso, and one other. Reserves, Turner and Kabelitz.

Nanyang Soccer Teams In Nanking

Both the Nanyang College 1st and 2nd Teams left Shanghai on Thursday for Nanking to play against Nanking University and Southeastern University. The 2nd team will also play the 2nd teams of Nanking prior to the College Championship Games between the 1st teams.

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The new Astor House ballroom—which has been described as the most beautiful room of its kind in the East—and the new Astor lobby will be officially opened tonight, when one of the biggest crowds on record for such an event here is expected. The management had been practically swamped with table bookings for the occasion and has therefore been obliged to announce that the ballroom will be reserved exclusively for diners, which should be a tip to those planning on the Astor for any of the holiday evenings.

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Nor men stronger than Bruce Wilton. Yet even he proves weak.....ROBERT GORDON
S
Father Brian Kelly is the friend of all men and a fighter for a woman's cause.....LEWIS S. STONE
A
And here the Widow Wilton, who learns through sacrifice "to kiss the cross."
EUGENIE BESSERER
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And foolish little Alice Wilton who hears no wedding bells. She wins your pity..MILDRED JUNE.
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And the man who marts you hate is Kenwood Wright, spendthrift and coward.
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CABINET CRISIS FOLLOWS GOLD FRANC ISSUE

Peking Denies Secret Agreement Reached With French

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 21.—Mr. Wu Ching-lien secretly departed for Tientsin by automobile at six this morning. Yesterday evening he issued a circular telegram to the provinces denouncing as illegal the action of the Neiwupu in disbanding the Parliamentary Guard and replacing them by Metropolitan Police. It is believed that Mr. Wu Ching-lien will not accept defeat but will continue his political activities.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

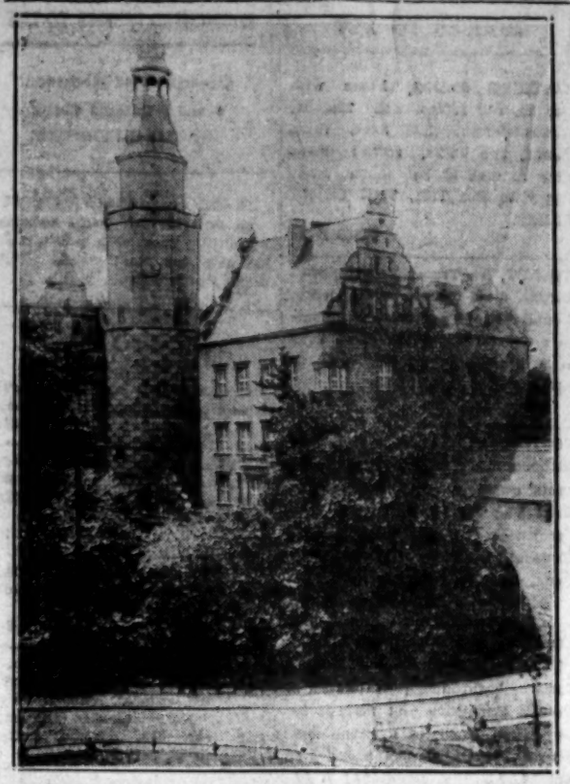
Peking, Dec. 21.—The Government has decided to issue another circular telegram refuting the statements by Mr. Wu Ching-lien anent the gold franc issue and denying that a secret agreement has been reached between the Government and the French Legation.

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 21.—The Cabinet's resignation yesterday evening, which the President declined, instructing the Cabinet to carry on, is explained by the Cabinet Ministers as follows. They referred to Parliament's telegram to the provinces denouncing the Government in connection with the alleged settlement of the gold franc issue. They stated that the Government was then obliged to circulate the truth to the provinces. Surprisingly, Mr. Wu Ching-lien sent out another telegram again containing misstatements.

"Since General Li Yuan-hung's Government promised the French Legation that China would pay the indemnity in gold francs, a plan which Parliament rejected, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Finance have continually considered the matter without solution. In spite of our declarations, charges against the Government are still being made to the effect that we have taken a different course. We, therefore, think that our sincerity has been questioned and we feel that we ought to resign."

Ex-Crown Prince Returns To Germany



Ex-Crown Prince Friederich Wilhelm, fresh from his five years' exile in Holland, has re-entered Germany as a private citizen and taken up his abode at this castle at Oels, in Silesia.

Belgians Begin Construction Of Radio Station

(Reuter's Service)

Brussels, Dec. 20.—The King today laid the foundation stone of the wireless station at Ruysselede, near Bruges, which is expected to be sufficiently powerful to communicate with all big stations in the world.

Discover Large Iron Ore Be l In Kursk

(Exclusive China Press)

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Layers of iron ore containing forty percent iron and 374 feet thick, 200 feet long and four hundred kilometers wide have been discovered at a depth of 500 feet in the Kursk district, according to information received here today.

Deny Rumors Russian Bank Has Closed

Moscow, Dec. 16.—Attention has been drawn here to groundless reports, that have appeared lately in the foreign press, alleging that the Industrial Bank had closed down in view of the fifteen million gold rouble deficit which it was supposed to have incurred under the directorship of Krasonstchekoff now under trial. With reference to these rumors, Mr. Xandroff, and present chairman of the board of directors of the Industrial Bank, states that not only has the Bank had no deficit during the last working year, but, in spite of the huge expenses involved during this period by the organisation of as much as fourty branches of the Bank throughout all the Republics of the Soviet Union—it has cleared a net profit for the year of one million gold rou...

The active operations of the Industrial Bank totalled 85 millions in the current year, and the paid-up capital of the Bank will soon be increased 100 percent. The Bank, concludes its chairman, keeps up correspondent relations with largest banking institutions in all the European capitals, and far from closing it is energetically pursuing its activities, with results that have surpassed the expectations of its founders.

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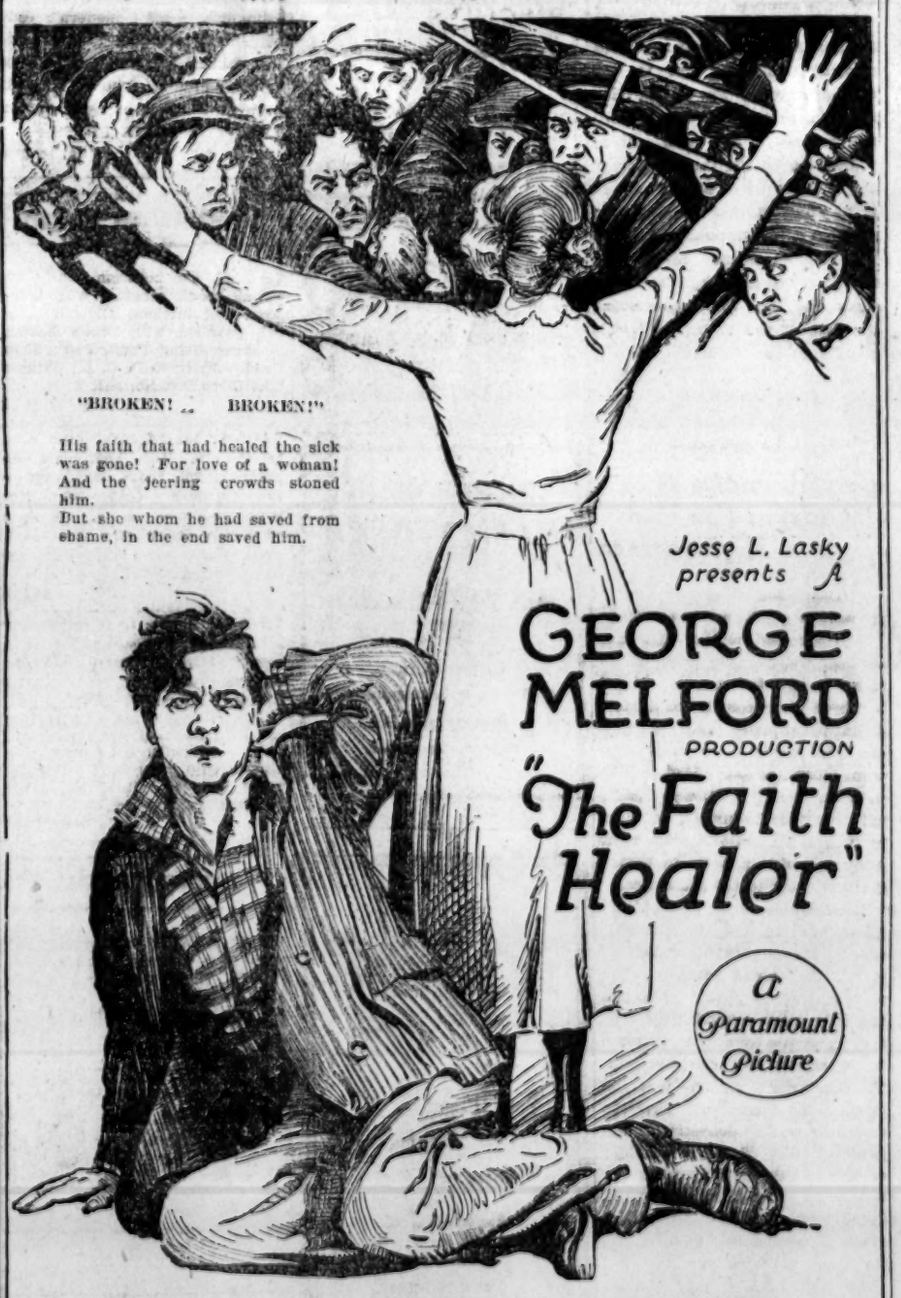

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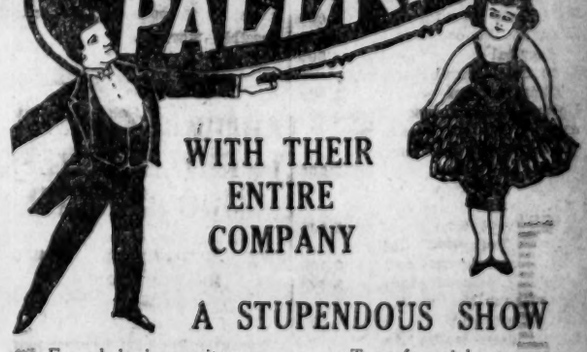

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CONGRESS ASKED TO INVESTIGATE GRAFT CHARGES

To Delve Into Filipino Independence Fund Expenditures

(BY UNITED PRESS)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative James A. Frear, Republican of Wisconsin, today introduced a resolution in the House demanding an investigation to find out whether any Representatives or Senators received any portion of the Filipino independence fund as an inducement to lend their influence toward securing the independence of the Philippines.

Congressman Frear's resolution calling for an investigation of expenditures of the Filipino independence fund has resulted from charges made in news stories telegraphed from Manila by Mr. Junius B. Wood, Far Eastern correspondent of the Chicago Daily News, in which he asserted that Governor-General Wood of the Philippines had a list of Congressmen and Senators who had received certain sums from the independence fund in return for their influence in securing independence for the islands.

The story created a sensation in Washington as Mr. Wood named Charles Edward Russel, well-known writer, as one who had been paid to do independence propaganda, and said that General Wood, in due time, would give out a statement in which he would name the Congressmen and Senators who had benefited from the fund. Congressman Frear, who is one of the most alert workers for the independence of the islands among the Republicans, was supposedly one of the Congressmen who had received money from the fund.

WOOD NONCOMITTAL

General Wood's secretary, in replying to a letter from THE CHINA PRESS at the time, denied that he intended making public any such list, but he neither affirmed nor denied the report that he actually had such a list in his possession.

If Congress acts favorably upon Congressman Frear's resolution, which it very probably will, General Wood will unquestionably be called as a witness. The independence fund is appropriated by the Filipino legislature from insular funds and is administered by the Independence Commission, which is headed by Manuel Quezon, president of the Senate, who would also very probably be called as a witness.

The fund does not have to be accounted for to the Philippine legislature but it is understood that the Insular Auditor has in his possession drafts on the fund showing where and when money was expended from it and his books would very probably form an important part of the investigation.

Mr. Junius B. Wood, whose stories created the situation by stirring up Washington political circles, sailed from Shanghai yesterday on the s.s. Chambord.

Race Club Gives Quarter Of Million Dollars To Charity

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St. Luke's Hospital	1,000
Shanghai Benevolence Hospital	500
Shanghai General Hospital, Charity Ward	1,000
United Services Association	2,000
Amicale des Anciens Combattants de la Grande Guerre	2,000
Relief Committee for Russian Orphans of the Great War	5,000
Russian Refugee Relief	
Advisory Committee	3,000
do (already paid)	2,000
Associazone Nazionale Combattenti	500
Societa degli Italiani in Cina	500
Foreign Women's Home	1,500
British Women's Association, Social Service Board	1,500
Portuguese Ladies' Benevolent Society	1,500
King's Daughters Society	1,500
Shanghai Ladies' Benevolent Society	1,500
American Women's Club, Civic Department	1,500
American Civil Relief Society	1,000
Jewish Ladies' Benevolent Society	1,500
Hebrew Relief Society	1,000
Polish Committee, Shanghai	1,000
Norwegian Benevolent Society	500
Danish Benevolent Society	500
St. Monica's Society	500
Shanghai Sikh Police Gurdwara	500
Chinese Red Cross Society	1,000
Institution for the Chinese Blind	2,000
Mission to Rickshaw Men	1,500
Shanghai Charity League	500
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Institut des Franciscains, Missionaires de Marie	250
Japanese Earthquake Fund (already paid)	5,000
Sundry Charities and Reserve for Urgent Appeals	2,000
	$118,000
Endowment Fund, British War Graves, Tsingtao (from last New Year Race Meeting, omitted in report for 1st half-year 1923 (already paid)	$4,172.44
Japanese Earthquake Fund (from Race Club's General Funds already paid)	5,000.00
	$127,172.44
The distributions for the 1st half of 1923 as detailed in my letter of June 13 amounted to	$138,400.00
Making a Total distribution for the year of	$265,572.44

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BALDWIN POLICY AT CONFERENCE TO BE REVERSED

Press Sees Doom Of Colonial Preference Proposals

(*Reuter's Service*)

London, Dec. 20.—Except in the unlikely eventuality of the Labor Party taking them over, Mr. Baldwin's preference proposals at the Imperial Conference seem at present doomed.

The Liberal press emphatically declares that the electorate's rejection of protection necessarily involves rejection of the preference proposals.

The Daily News feels sure that the suggestion that the Dominions have a kind of moral right to insist that the proposals Mr. Baldwin chose to make to their representatives must be carried out whatever the opinion of the British people will be immediately repudiated by responsible Dominion statesmen when they consider it coolly.

The Manchester Guardian declares that Mr. Baldwin's Imperial preference infractions of Free Trade must be reversed as a matter of course at the earliest possible moment.

ADMIRAL CHOSEN TO REPLACE GREEK KING AS REGENT

May Proclaim A Republic Before Assembly Meets

(*From Our Special Correspondent*)

Paris, Dec. 20.—Admiral Condouriotis has been proclaimed Regent by the head of the revolutionary Greek Government, who declared that the departure of the King will not necessarily result in a change in the regime. It is said, however, at Athens that the Republican officers are in favor of proclaiming a Republic before the meeting of the Constituent Assembly. Rivalry, however, may arise between the leaders of the movement, notably between General Pangalos and M. Papanostalos (?), the former Minister.

(*Exclusive China Press*)

Athens, Dec. 21.—The official Gazette publishes a decree appointing Admiral Condouriotis before the Cabinet today.

Regent. He will take his oath

Rail Guards Inefficient

According to information from the Ministry of Communications Mr. Sun Feng-tsao, Director of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, finding that the present railway guards are not efficient enough to protect the trains passing the provinces of Shantung and Honan, where there are many bandit strongholds, has recently applied to General Wang Cheng-ping, Tuli of Chihli, for the issue of some quick-firing guns to be placed on the front and rear of the Express trains travelling between Tientsin and Pukow These quick-firing guns together with ten boxes of cartridges will be placed under the charge of Brigadier-General Wang Hsiao-chin of the 23rd Army Corps.

JAPAN ATTEMPTS TO GET DATA ON CHINESE MURDERS

Peking Claims 300 Met Death At Hands Of Ruffians

(*Eastern News Agency*)

Tokio, Dec. 20.—The authorities concerned of the Foreign Office state: "Newspapers today publish the statement as set forth by Dr. C. T. Wang and two other Chinese delegates to the effect that during and immediately following the earthquake disaster, those Chinese who were mistaken for outrageous Koreans and murdered by Japanese "vigilantes" in Tokio and districts adjacent thereto numbered over 300, including Mr. Wang Hai-tien, but the exact number is still under investigation.

"Those who have been found guilty of the crime as a result of strict investigations in this connection made by the authorities concerned, however, have been already prosecuted and at the same time reported to the Chinese Government.

"Furthermore, the outline of the murder case has recently been officially published. As to the case concerning Mr. Wang Hai-tien, in particular, the authorities concerned are now doing everything within their power to find out the truth of the case as it is reported that he has been missing since September 12 last.

"Although similar efforts are being made to make investigations into the cases concerning the rest of the reported Chinese victims to the violence of the "vigilantes," no full details have been ascertained as yet."

Death Penalty Is Ordered For Two Highwaymen

(Continued from Page 1)

to contempt of court proceedings.

The Assessor replied that any outsider writing to a court of law about a case before any evidence had been given constituted a grave contempt of court and in most countries would be severely dealt with. The Assessor added that he would have no hesitation in dealing with such people himself and that he would consult with the other Assessors with a view to having the letter sent to the prosecutor.

Mr. Franklin at this stage said he believed he could shorten matters as far as they concerned his client, the second accused . The man desired to plead guilty and the only point counsel wished to make was one for clemency, there being extenuating circumstances. The Assessor replied that he thought the Court must hear the evidence before delivering any judgment and if Mr. Franklin wished to say anything regarding mitigation of sentence he might do so later. Evidence was then given regarding the robbery and the Court gave judgment.

The first and second accused were ordered sent to the Arsenal for execution, the third accused and the woman witness were dismissed and the fourth accused was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

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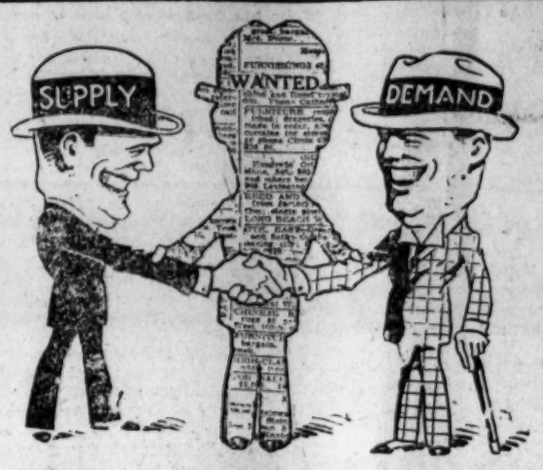

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Y.W.C.A. SECRETARY RETURNING HERE ON EMPRESS

Miss Mary Dingman To Take Over Industrial Work

Miss Mary Dingman will arrive in Shanghai from Hongkong on the Empress of Australia. Those who met Miss Dingman here last spring will remember her as the Industrial Secretary of the World's Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association. During the past six months she has traveled in Japan, Australia and New Zealand to visit Associations there and study industrial conditions of those countries. She comes to Shanghai to take over the industrial work begun by Miss Agatha Harrison with the National Y. W. C. A. of China, who leaves in February to return to England. Miss Dingman has a fund of information on economic and industrial problems, and a variety of experience that will add considerably to the resources of the group in China that is interested in the development of industry in China. She will have her office at 1 Young Allen Court, and will travel from here to various centers of industry to study both the modern western system and the old home industry system of China, in her work in co-operation with the National Christian Council and its program of industrial education.

The national committee of the Young Women's Christian Associations of China at its meeting on Thursday, elected the following officers, to take office at once:

President, Mrs. C. C. Chen
1st Vice President, Mrs. Y. C. James Yen
Sec'y for Chinese minutes, Mrs. Daniel Foo
Sec'y for English minutes, Mrs. Hermann Liu
Treasurer, Mrs. F. F. K. Tsao

Russians Only Foreigners To Suffer Death

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 21.—As doubt has arisen with regard to the correctness of the information which the Ministry of Justice gave to Reuter in November that the authority given to the Harbin Court to inflict capital punishment only applied to Russians and only within the Chinese Eastern Railway zone, Reuter applied to the Ministry again yesterday and was informed today that the information is correct as far as it went that it merely complied with the request of the Harbin Court. Question as to whether the law really applied to all non-extraterritorial peoples throughout China in accordance with a certain Mandate, the Ministry admitted that it was so. The Ministry's hesitation to tell the whole truth at first is surprising in view of the general interest which is attached to this matter.

Coolidge And Ford On Ticket In Michigan

(Exclusive China Press)

Lansing, Michigan, Dec. 21.—Petitions nominating Henry Ford for president on the Democratic ticket and Calvin Coolidge on the Republican ticket have been accepted by the Secretary of State for Michigan. The petitions mean that the names of Mr. Ford and Mr. Coolidge will go on the ballots in Michigan regardless of the fact that Mr. Ford has announced that he will not be a candidate for the presidency.

Polish Cabinet Formed At Last

(Exclusive China Press)

Warsaw, Dec. 21.—Ladislas Grabski has succeeded in forming a Cabinet with himself as Minister of Finance as well as Premier.

Shanghai Municipal Police Reserve

Orders by the A. C. P. (Reserve).

No. 292—Resignation. S/Constables 223, Arthur and 208, Tao are permitted to resign at their own request.

No. 293—Unattached List. S/C 135 Brook is transferred to the Unattached List.

No. 294—Leave. W/O 28 Herbert is granted leave from December 5, 1923 to December 30, 1923.

S/C 184 Telfer is granted leave from December 4, 1923 to December 22, 1923.

No. 295—Sinza Division. S/C 141 Austin to be Acting Warning Officer Squad "C" during W/O Herbert's absence.

(Signed) M. O. Springfield,
A.C.P. (I/C Reserve).
Headquarters, Town Hall.
December 15, 1923.

Army Officer Awarded 28 War Medals

Major E. E. Hume

Major E. E. Hume, at present attached to the Medical Corps of the United States Army, has just been awarded his 28th war medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, for meritorious work in France. He has been decorated by England, France, Italy, Greece, Serbia, Poland, Rumania and other European nations.

SIX SUSPECTS FACE HEAVY LIST OF CHARGES HERE

Accused Of Murder And Nine Armed Robberies

Additional charges of murder, attempted murder and nine instances of armed robbery were brought in the Mixed Court yesterday against six men arrested on December 7 for possession of arms.

The six were arrested by Chief Detective Inspector Cruickshank in a Fokien Road lodging house and two fully loaded weapons—an automatic pistol and a revolver—were seized. Investigation of the matter since that time has developed evidence that the six composed the gang which held up a shop at 286 Woosung Road on December 5, fatally wounding one Kwoh Nyang-yuin, also wounding another inmate and escaping with $3,886 in money and jewelry.

The investigation developed further evidences that the accused have been involved in no less than eight other armed robberies during recent months and the arrests are held to constitute one of the best pieces of police work in some time. The case was remanded for a special hearing by Assessor Martin and magistrate Kwan yesterday.

S.V.C. Orders

No. 178.—Pistol Practice. Attention is drawn to the fact that certain deviations from the detail laid down in the S.V.C. Webley Pistol Manual are being introduced into Pistol Practicers, more particularly with regard to the Safety Precautions.

With a view to restoring the necessary uniformity of procedure and of securing the very necessary element of safety, officers in charge of pistol practices are notified that they are expected to conform strictly to the regulations concerning the handling of weapons on all occasions.

No. 179.—Officers Leave. Capt. M. Reader Harris, M.C. "A" Co., British from December 21, 1923 to December 27, 1923.

Lieutenant J. Dalton, M.C. "A" Co., British from December 22, 1923 to December 27, 1923.

Lieutenant K. T. Doo, Chinese Co., from December 17, 1923 to December 22, 1923.

No. 180.—Headquarter Offices. The headquarter offices will be closed for all business on Tuesday and Wednesday, 25 and 26 and on Tuesday and Wednesday January 1 and 2.

NOTICES

(I)—The commandant wishes all ranks of the S.V.C. the compliments of the season and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

(II)—Boxing. A meeting of the Committee will be held in the Officers Room S.V.C. Club at 6 p.m., Friday, 21st instant. Business:—To arrange for a Boxing Tournament in January next.

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CHINA'S MINISTER AND O'CONNOR TOSS BOUQUETS

More Advice To Chinese Students in Great Britain

(Reuter's Service)

London, Dec. 21.—Among the guests at the annual dinner of the Central Union of Chinese Students held under the presidency of Dr. T. K. Lee last night were Sir Denison Ross and Mr. T. P. O'Connor. The latter said that in spite of all the row that was happening the future national unity and integrity of China was assured. Mr. Chu Chao-sin, the Chinese Minister, warned the students that it would be useless for them merely to copy what they learn here when they return home. He advised them to adapt what they learn to Eastern conditions. He considered it an impossibility that the monarchy would be restored in China. China's new house must be put in order but this was the duty of the occupiers—not the outsiders. He considered that the system of education in Britain particularly suited China because of the existing facilities and the friendly relations it creates. The Chinese Minister hoped that the kind offer of the British Government to remit the Boxer Indemnity for educational uses would come into effect at an early date.

Boston Surgeon Honored For His Work In War

Dr. Harvey W. Cushing

Dr. Harvey W. Cushing of Boston, distinguished American surgeon, has been decorated in the Hub with the Legion of Honor emblem, pinned on him by General Couraud, while touring America as the guest of the American Legion. The French Government bestowed the honor for Dr. Cushing's sterling services to France in the World War.

Soviet Suggests Passport Reciprocity With Peking

(Rosta News Agency)

Peking, Dec. 19.—Reports have appeared in some papers alleging that the Soviet authorities are making difficulties for those Chinese residents who have no Chinese national passports. As a matter of fact, however, the Rosta correspondent has learned in the Russian Mission that things actually stand somewhat differently.

Inasmuch as there exists no consular convention between Russia and China, the Russian authorities cannot, evidently, recognise the right of Chinese representatives in Russia to deliver passports—the more so that Russian representatives in China have no such right. Accordingly, the Soviet authorities are obliged to demand from all Chinese residents that they should present their national documents, identifying their citizenship. By virtue of the existing laws in Russia, every foreigner arriving or residing there must register in proper time, and receive a corresponding passport. Naturally, not all the Chinese citizens can get such documents from their home country in due time, and this is why terms were often extended for them.

In its wish to meet still further the interests of Chinese citizens, the Soviet Mission has proposed to the Waichiapu to establish some "modus"—on the principle of reciprocity—of delivering documents to citizens of the respective country. The Soviet Mission's idea consists in that pending a consular convention, there should be established—through a corresponding exchange of Notes—the right of the representatives of each country to deliver passports to their respective citizens, and such passports should be recognised as the only legal documents identifying the nationality of the bearer. Unfortunately, however, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not given yet a definite answer to this proposition—which accounts for the solution of this important question both for Chinese citizens in Russia and Russian in China being delayed.

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Theosophical Speaker Talks On Reincarnation

At the Theosophical Hall on Tuesday evening Mr. A. Horne, B. Sc., gave the second instalment of his lecture on reincarnation. He stated that if we accepted the immortality of the soul and the justice of God, and, moreover, the idea of a universe in which law and order reigned, there were certain inevitable conclusions that followed as a logical necessity, and these conclusions all pointed to the law of reincarnation.

As regards immortality, it was difficult to see how a spiritual entity could have a beginning in time, with a life stretching into a limitless future, without the same life stretching into a limitless past. "Belief in human pre-existence," says Prof. McTaggart, in his address to the Synthetic Society in 1904, "is a more probable doctrine than any other form of the belief in immortality," while Hume expressed the same thought when he said that "what is incorruptible must be ungenerable."

The justice of God is a non-existent quantity if we deny the idea of reincarnation, the "equality" contended for the setting inequality of mankind stares us in the face wherever we turn, and what justice is there in allowing millions to suffer as a result of these inequalities, unless these handicaps were brought about by themselves as a result of their past lives? The millions of miserable people born and brought up in the slums, congenital criminals and idiots, cripples, deaf-mutes, and the feeble-minded, to say nothing of those who suffer from the more common inequalities of sex, nationality, parentage, training, an opportunity—all these must be looked upon as the creations of an all-wise, all-loving, and all-powerful deity, unless the idea of pre-existence and self-determination be admitted. To say that heredity is the cause of all this, is to explain nothing, for heredity can after all be but a secondary cause; the riddle is but pushed back one stage and one is prompted to ask: what is the primary cause that ordained that certain souls should benefit by a good heredity while countless others suffer? "Chance," some people say. But that rules out law and order, and no reasonable being can believe that such marvellous precision of law can exist in the inanimate world without an equal precision of law existing in the moral and spiritual worlds. "Divine Will", people answer. But that means caprice and an arbitrary and unjust pre-ordination, unless the particular soul destined to inherit an evil frame has deserved it by a previous evil life. In the Wisdom of Solomon we find a verse that sheds light on this perplexing problem. "I was a witty child," it says, "and had a good spirit. Yea, rather being good, I came into a body undefiled." There we have it. Heredity may determine what characteristics a certain physical body is to have, but it has no power on the soul that is going to inhabit it. That is wholly determined by the previous existence of that soul, each soul being drawn by the law of justice into that particular body, and environment, that is its inherent right by reason of its past activity. In other words, each one makes his own heredity and his own opportunities and handicaps; nothing is forced upon him by a blind heredity or the capricious will of God.

Another great fact that is apparent to all is the incompleteness of one physical life, and the practical impossibility of achieving in one short lifetime the purpose that must underly physical existence. In the case of millions of children who die at birth or after a few hours or days of existence, of what use can such a short experience be to them? In the great economy of things these lives must be wasted, and the effort and pain in bringing them into the world are wasted too. The same applies in lesser measure to those who die before they are out of their teens, and to those who, though living the full measure of years, pass their existence among a savage or semi-civilised people. Even in the case of the average member of our boasted civilisation, can he gain enough of the benefits of religion, art, science, philosophy, in one lifetime? Lessing was right when he said: "Why should I not come back as often as I am capable of acquiring fresh knowledge, fresh experience? Do I bring away so much from one life that there is nothing to repay coming back?" Look around you at the life of the average man and decide for yourselves whether the injunction "Be ye therefore perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect" is not a mockery. Perfection is only possible if we are given the opportunity to come back time after time to round out our character and our knowledge, and slowly build into our souls the elements that are needed for a perfect development.

Though we cannot directly remember our past lives, yet does the memory of our experiences remain with us in an indirect form as memory-summaries. These memory-summaries we make use of every minute of our lives. They manifest as inherent capacities, as instincts, as intuitions, as conscience. The innate faculties of children cannot be explained on any other theory but that of reincarnation; they are unconsciously remembering the things they had learnt in a past life. Heredity cannot account for this, because in one family you find children that are widely different, as to emotional, intellectual, and moral powers, often being different from the parents themselves. Take the case of Dr. Young, who could read at two, or of Sir Wm. Hamilton, who had almost mastered the Hebrew language at seven, or of Mischa Elman who, when a boy, played with the feeling and power of a grown-up. How can we explain these things, except on the ground that they were remembering things they had learnt previously, and were merely bringing their powers over into a new body? Shakespeare could enter with minute detail into the feelings of a Macbeth, the sorrows of a King Lear, the revels of a Falstaff. In our own time we find Wm. Sharp writing for years under the name of Fiona Macleod, and writing as only a woman could write. How is this possible unless at some time he had gone through the experiences of a woman, and was unconsciously carrying the memory over into a man's brain?

What finally is conscience, but the remembering of joys and pains, as the result of past action? We do not remember when we first scalded our hand, yet are we instinctively cautious when handling boiling water. Neither do we remember when we first suffered as the result of a certain line of action, but when a similar circumstance arises, something in us sings out with a warning voice. Can it not be that from the hidden recesses of our memory something reacts under the stimulus of a similar condition as that which had caused the first impression? On what other theory can we explain the difference in conscience between an apache and a saint? In dozens of ways does reincarnation show itself to be true. It illuminates our life at every step and explains the perplexities of existence in a way that no other theory can do. As Lafcadio Hearn says, "For the student of scientific psychology the idea of pre-existence passes out of the realm of theory into the realm of fact."

U. S. Women's Bureau Has New Chief

Dr. Louise Stanley

Dr. Louise Stanley, new Chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, in the Department of Agriculture, has arrived in Washington to take up her duties. She was formerly Dean of Home Economics in the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

New Turbogenerator Successfuly Started In Nantao Powerhouse

Siemens China Co. Instals First Of Two 8000 K.V.A. Sets

On the 19th. of this month the first of two sets of 8000 K.V.A. Turbogenerators was successfully started at the power-station of the Nantao Electric Power Co. This company, which originated out of the amalgamation of the former Inland Electric Light Co. and the Chinese Tramway Co. has increased its business considerably during recent years and has made great additions to its machinery plant.

In 1916 the total capacity of the machinery plant of the company was 1400 K. W., two years later a 1600 K. W. set of the General Electric was taken into service. 1921 a 4000 K.V.A. turbogenerator, supplied by the Siemens China Co. was taken into service and a year later it proved necessary to increase the capacity of the plant again by ordering two new sets of 8000 K.V.A. capacity each, of which the first one has now been started. The erection was carried out with Chinese helpers only by the engineer-in charge, Mr. Oster. The plant has been designed under the supervision of the consulting engineer of the Chinese Electric Power Co., Mr. E. Kocher. The powerhouse is situated near the Shanghai South railway station. The company is now busy in extending its supply mains to the new territory south of the French Concession.

Give Farewell Reception For Mr. C. W. Petitt

A farewell reception was given in the Reception Room in the National Y. M. C. A. Building yesterday afternoon to Mr. C. W. Petitt, Executive Secretary of the Business department of the National Committee Y. M. C. A., by the Chinese staff. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Tomlinson and and Mr. R. M. Hersey, General Secretary of the Tientsin Y. M. C. A. Mr. J. Z. Lee announced the purpose of the reception, and a letter addressed to Mr. Petitt, expressing the appreciation of the staff of his five years' pleasant fellowship in the office was read by Mr. William Lee.

As a token of their high esteem for Mr. & Mrs. Petitt a gift, consisting of a photograph of the staff, a silk Chinese flag and a beautiful silver boat, was presented to them by the staff. Mr. Petitt replied, expressing his and Mrs. Petitt's thanks for the gift and saying how much he enjoyed the fellowship among his Chinese friends in the office. Tea and refreshments were served, following the remarks.

Mr. and Mrs. Petitt arrived in China on October 6, 1918. After spending a year in language study in the North China Union Language School in Peking, he was invited to join the Business Department of the National Committee Y. M. C. A. He and his family will sail for the United States on furlough on the S. S. "President Cleveland," leaving here on December 27.

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" "	2½ "	" "	$0.90	" Berries (Stand)	2 " "		$ 6.50
Pineapple Sliced	2½ lb. tin	doz.	$6.00	" " (Extra)	2 " "		$ 7.50

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Red Salmon (Amer.)	3 tins for		$1.00	Sardines (S W)	½ tin 5 tin. for		$ 1.00
Tomato Herring (Norw.)	6 tins for		$1.00	" Norwiegn	¼ tin, 4 tin		$ 1.00

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Sugar Peas D. M. (Small)		" "	$0.43	Green Peas, French Tresfin	" "		$ 0.45
" " " (Med.)		" "	$0.37	" " " Fins	" "		$ 0.40

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Golden State (Am.)	1 lb. tin	$1.60	2 lb.	$3.00	Rose Brand (Aust.)	1 lb. tin, $0.90, 2 lb.	$ 1.75
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Oud's Stone Gin " $1.10 "	$12.50	Tiger Head Rum bot $1.60, case	$18.50
Whisky, King George " $2.55 "	$30.00	Whisky Sunnybrook bot $2.10 case	$24.50
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Alvin W. Krech Foresees Clear Road Ahead Of U. S.

Equitable Trust Chairman Wants Work Found For Idle Time Of Wheat Farmer—Russain Peasant Coming Back

BY EDWIN J. CLAPP

Alvin W. Krech, chairman of the Equitable Trust Co., is no pessimist on the business outlook at the present time. "What of the business situation and the prospect?" I asked him.

"I see no indication of trouble ahead. Our banking department is in pretty close touch with the rest of the country. We don't pretend to make an economic forecast on the prospect five years in the future, but sixty or ninety days ahead the coast looks clear."

"What of the Ruhr?"

"I have almost stopped trying to figure upon the situation over there. Perhaps England and France are having a quiet and mutually satisfactory understanding that if Germany does break up, nobody will appropriate the pieces either by annexation or economic assimilation."

"What about the proposed railroad rate reduction."

"The railroads have just gotten on their feet again and should be allowed to regain and retain their full strength. I am not against regulation. A certain amount of persecution in the past has, perhaps, not been a bad thing. It has put pressure on the carriers to do their jobs better and reduce their costs, as by heavier trainloads and larger engines. But there is a limit to the pressure that can be stood. I am inclined to think the limit will be passed if heavy rate reductions are forced now."

Mr. Krech has a novel suggestion for relieving the distress of the one-crop wheat farm, which he sees as the single dark spot in a business situation generally satisfactory.

"Wheat farming," he said, "is a lazy man's job. There's a period of intensive work in the Spring and another in the Fall, at both of which times the farmer has to pay out money for high-priced labor, and he feels it.

"Seven months of the year he does practically nothing. Few of us can earn an adequate living if we idle over half the year. No more can the farmer.

"Before the age of machinery the farmer and his family worked all the year around. They not only raised food, but were their own bakers, weavers, shoemakers, carpenters and blacksmiths. Machinery took that work from them and centralized it in the cities.

"Now the development of electricity makes it possible to decentralise again and put small machines into the farmer's home, or build up small manufacturing units in towns accessible to the automobiles of adjacent farmers. Work of this kind for seven months of the year would perhaps double the earnings of the farmer's family.

"The silk industry of southern France and Italy is to a large extent decentralized in this way and carried on in houses in the country, served by electric power. I have heard that Henry Ford has in mind the diversion of some of his work to such farmer units. The profitable use of those seven idle months of farmer's time ought not to be a problem beyond the capacity of American industrial genius."

"What's the trouble with wheat prices?" I asked. "Lack of European demand?" He answered:

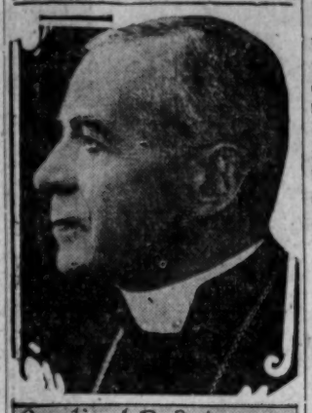
"Probably less than that the fact that other countries can produce wheat cheaper. The Russian surplus being sold on the European market today is the outstanding fact in the wheat situation.

"Russia has abandoned Communism so far as agriculture is concerned, and agriculture is Russia. It is marvelous to see the increase in the productivity of the peasant when he owns what he produces, can sell it and retain the proceeds. Russian peasantry today is one of the great conservative forces in Europe."

Mrs. Moody Taken Seriously Ill

Mrs. Mark L. Moody, Sr. of Lansing, Michigan is at the Shanghai General Hospital suffering from a stroke of paralysis which occurred Thursday night at the home of her son, Mark L. Moody, Jr. Mrs. Moody is attended by Dr. W. G. Hiltner and is reported as resting as comfortably as could be expected. Mrs. Moody arrived in Shanghai last Sunday night on the Empress of Asia, accompanied by her youngest son Irving and is on an extended visit to her son Mark L. Moody, Jr. who resides at 70 Ave. du rol Albert.

Cardinal DuBois Opposes Sermons By Radio



Cardinal DuBois.

Cardinal DuBois, of Paris, has forbidden the broadcasting of sermons by raidio, telling his priests that he feels such broadcasting will cause them to lose much of their influence through loss of personal touch with their parishioners.

Navy "Y" Will Entertain On Christmas Day

Christmas day at the Navy Y.M.C.A., will be an enjoyable one for sailors and children. At six o'clock in the afternoon there will be a childrens' party in the gymnasium. There will be a Christmas tree gaily decorated and lighted and there will be games and music. Parents, friends and sailors will be interested spectators. Parents are invited to come and bring their children.

After play time, Christmas carols will be sung. At 7:30 all will be treated to a big Chinese show. Chinese conjurers, acrobats and jugglers will perform and a company of Chinese will give an exhibition of skill at spear and sword play and their own strange boxing. A general invitation is extended.

The Navy "Y" is entertaining sailors of H. M. S. Durban. Every British sailor has three days' shore leave and many of them are living at the Navy "Y". The American ships in port are the U. S. Ships Pigeon and Penguin recently arrived from the United States by way of Suez. These ships will remain here several months to be refitted for service on the Yangtze Patrol Force. The Navy "Y" is arranging a concert for Thursday night, Dec. 27.

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Christmas Stories By Shanghai Children

Norman's Christmas Day

BY MERCEDES DA COSTA
(aged 15 years)

Mrs. Annie Smith, with her daughter Rita a fatherless child of 5 years of age, was sitting beside the fire. She was calling to mind the extraordinary events that happened 10 years ago:

She was the nurse of the baby of Mrs. Dennis whom she loved very much. They were on board a ship bound for England and had still a long journey before them.

Suddenly there was a jarring jolt, which nearly threw her off her feet. Screams were heard, and everything was confusion.

The ship had hit a rock!

A life-buoy was thrust into her hand and she was somehow pushed into a life-boat. While the life-boat was descending she heard the voice of her mistress amid the din. Looking up she saw Mrs. Dennis, with her husband by her side, who was crying out to her: "Annie, look after Norman. If anything should happen to us, treat him as if he were your own."

She could only nod her head in assent as the life-boat was being pushed off.

The crew of this life-boat were picked up by a ship bound for China. And, by good fortune they reached Hankow safe and sound.

Since then she had heard nothing of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis.

Believing them dead she had been true to her promise, and had treated Norman as if he was her own child. She had even given him her own surname.

Her thoughts were interrupted when a little hand was thrust into her own.

"Ah Norman" she said "We have been waiting for you. Come, the tea must be cold by now."

Norman was a boy, of twelve years. He had deep blue eyes and golden little curls.

Rita said: "I wish Santa Claus would give me a doll with a little carriage for it."

Norman loved his little sister (as he thought she was) and he would do anything to please her.

"Maybe he will," said he.

"He will? Do you think he will?" asked Rita, clapping her hands in delight.

The next morning, after leaving Rita in the care of a neighbor and having seen Norman set off for school, Mrs. Smith went to work.

Norman goes to Miss Wilson's school where children of poor parents were sent, for the school fees were rather low. On his way to school, Norman was wondering how he should get Rita a little baby-carriage. He stopped to admire a large motor-car which stopped a few yards away. A tall handsome lady stepped out and seemed to be looking for a certain house. She opened her big bag to take a little paper, when, without her noticing it, her little purse fell to the ground. Norman immediately picked it up and held it up to her saying: "Excuse me madam, but you have dropped your purse."

The lady turned; but at that moment, a Chinaman, who had seen what had happened, rushed him off his feet, snatched the purse from his hands and quickly disappeared from sight.

Mrs. Dennis (for it was no other than she), helped him up, and asked if he was hurt.

"No madam," said he. "But he took your purse away!"

"Oh, that does not matter, for it contains only a few dollars. What is your name, my boy?"

"Norman Smith, madam."

She started at the mention of the name. Her heart beat faster —perhaps this is her Norman! But how can it be—there are many Normans and Smiths.

"Thank you my boy for trying to save my purse. Can you show me the way to Miss Wilson's school?"

"Why, I'm on my way to her school. Its only a block away."

"Then we will go together."

When they arrived at the school he showed her to the parlour and sent for Miss Wilson. Miss Wilson had a long talk with her; then came to the class-room where the 20 boys were waiting for their teacher.

"Now boys," she said with a smile. "A kind lady, Mrs. Dennis, has invited all of you to her house on Christmas day where there will be a Christmas tree."

"Hurrah!" "Fine!" shouted the boys. But Norman did not say a word, for he was thinking of Rita.

"She is doing this," resumed the teacher "because she loves children, having lost her little boy in a shipwreck."

After school, as she was leaving the class-room Norman called her aside in a shy, mysterious manner.

"Miss Wilson," he said, "do you think Mrs. Dennis could get me a doll-baby carriage for my Christmas present? I'd rather have it than candy or anything—"

"Norman!" she exclaimed. "What do you want with a baby carriage—such a big boy as you are? All the others will laugh at you."

"Don't care if they do," replied Norman, planting himself firmly on his sturdy legs, and looking up into her smiling face with his large, blue eyes, while he gave his curly head a saucy toss. "I don't care a bit what the boys say."

"But, Norman, I never knew you were a girl-boy," said his teacher.

"I'm not," he answered with another toss of the head. "I want it for my little sister."

"For your little sister! Oh, that is different! That is very nice."

His face brightened until it was all ne beaming smile.

"Mother is going to get her a doll and she'd be so glad if she had a carriage for it."

"I'll see about the doll carriage, then," said Miss Wilson "I think you may expect it, Norman."

And Norman went home to tell his mother (as he thought she was) about the good news. For Mrs. Smith, earns just enough to keep them going, and she could only afford to buy the doll for Rita.

Christmas Day arrived. The boys met at the school, and they went with Miss Wilson to Mrs. Dennis' house. They entered the parlour, and they saw Mrs. Dennis and a servant still decorating the tree. It was laden with gifts and brilliant with candles, and excited the admiration of all who beheld it.

When Norman Smith's name was called he went smilingly forward to receive his gift. The other boys seeing him return with a doll carriage under his arm began to laugh. But Norman was not at all discomfited. Nodding and smiling from right to left he resumed his seat at the rear of the room. Then Santa Claus, pulling his long white beard with a severe frown, shouted, "Silence!" in a deep bass voice, as he took another package from the tree, held it up, examined it, and read in a loud voice:

"To Norman Smith, the boy who would rather receive a Christmas Gift for his baby sister than get one himself, the enclosed trifle is presented by Mrs. Dennis."

"A murmur rose and fell in the crowd. The children, as well as some of their elders, craned their necks eagerly in the direction of Norman's seat. But the boy had to be called again before he rose to respond; and when he did so, with lagging step and downcast head; the whole room set up a shout of joy and approval for the boy who thought only of giving happiness to others.

The Gift proved to be a beautiful knife, the like of which Norman had never seen before.

Just then the door bell rang, and Rita and her mother entered the house. For Mrs. Dennis, when she heard the story from Miss Wilson of Norman told Miss Wilson to invite them also, as a surprise to Norman.

They entered the lighted room and came face to face with Mrs. Dennis.

"Mrs. Dennis," she cried. Mrs. Dennis started back in surprise, then ran and embraced her. Mr. Dennis who had taken off his disguise of Santa Claus came hurrying to Mrs. Smith and shook her hands, with tears of gladness in his eyes.

Mrs. Dennis, prompted by mother love, guessed the truth in a flash and ran to Norman crying: "My child! My darling boy!"

She clasped the dazed boy to her breast, roughly in her excitement, then tenderly, then kissed his surprised face, and vied with the father as to who should say the sweetest things to him.

And long after the party had broken up, he sat between his father and mother, who were relating, or trying to relating, the shipwreck.

"Then," said he, his eyes falling on Rita, "Rita is not my sister?"

"No dear" replied his mother, "but she shall be."

Which puzzling reply she fulfilled by treating Rita and her mother as members of the family.

You may be sure that memorable Chirstmas was the happiest day of his life.

The Word Of God

BY MARY CANTOROVICH
(age 16 years)

INTRODUCTION

Up—Up—Up, the path loomed far ahead. The poor jaded donkeys, with their burdens no longer heavy, toiled up the snow-clad mountains; behind them climbed the weary guides, and then two figures, on donkeys who were swathed in furs. These two were missionaries—man and wife, who had left their homes and friends behind to teach, whom they termed heathens—the Word of God. To teach it in that gloomy, lofty, and impregnable, that awe inspiring province Tibet.

"If no one goes there to teach them, they'll know no better, someone must try, why not ourselves," they had replied to the entreaties of their friends, and no persuasions could move them.

Well! here they were a few miles more and they would be in Sing Toshon, one of the first villages in Tibet.

Tramp—tramp—tramp, plod—plod—plod. Up they went into the heart of Tibet.

CHAPTER I.

Mrs. Henry Moriarity O'Leary native of Ireland, late of America, awoke. She was lying in a small wooden hut within a mile from the village of Sing Toshon; she, her husband, and the whole outfit in general had sought refuge there from a snow storm, though in truth, there was but little refuge to be found, the roof was all in holes and the wind blew in freely and the mud coated walls were all cracked, which were the reasons, no doubt, why the hut was uninhabited.

To her surprise she was the only occupant in the but. Before her anxiety had been thoroughly aroused however, her husband appeared; but even then her anxiety did not disappear for she saw that his face was dark with anger as he approached her.

"What's the matter? Where's Chow, and the Guides? she inquired.

"Read that," he said gaimly, and pointed to the wall, where certain letters had been scraped on laboriously by a stone. After some time she made out the words.

"Masiter, mississy, wild Tibet man, he look see for foling man, wanchee kill, guide him talkee. Noder Guide chop chop lun way, me tinkso no use my b'long kill allsame, so my follow. Maybe bimebey me can savee you, just now no can. Me no wanchee die also. Chow."

——So Chow, Chow her adoring servant had proved faithless. Chow whom her husband had saved from drowning, had also deserted. So it was true what they had told her after all, no Chinese servant was ever faithful. But Chow——, she could have sworn that he would have remained faithful. But why think thus; Chow was right, it was of no use for more than was necessary to be killed——: And then it was that the full danger of their position struck her.

She walked to the excuse of a door.

"Where—where could they have gone to?" she asked aloud to her husband, as the grim desolate view met her gaze: mountains, cold grey mountains on all sides, so much like the walls of a prison.

She turned slowly round and while doing so, saw some men riding towards them.

"They've come," she cried out, and then composed herself.

"Oh Nell! Nell!, why did I bring you here, why did we come; Oh Nell! In face of his wife's stoicism Hal's self control broke down.

On, they came, with fierce cries of joy. Had not two foreigners been discovered. It had been a long long day since the last white man had been put to death.

They drew up near the two missionaries, who, when at last they could make themselves

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Communists Build Barricades In German Streets

Almost every town in Baden and in many other parts of Germany is daily the scene of outbreaks on the part of some faction. Street barricades have been thrown up in various cities, and looting is prevalent everywhere. Led by the Communists, hungry throngs are sweeping through the bread and meat shops and, until checked by the troops, taking control of the cities. The above photograph shows a street barricade erected by the Communists in the streets of Baden-Baden.

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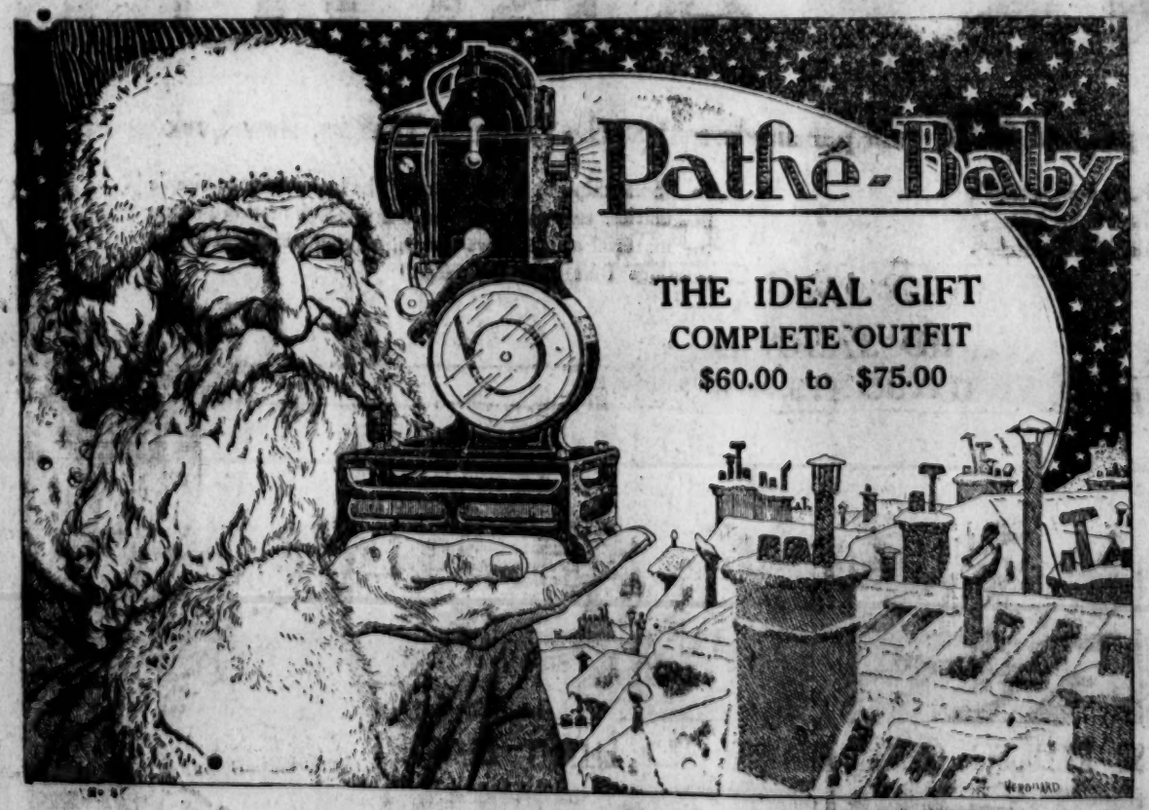

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heard, started to open peace negotiations with the chief, and offering them presents. Chow had taught them this dialect which he said that the border people spoke, for he himself had come from Tibet. They had forgotten however that the presents meant for the Tibetians had been stolen by the guides; and when the men saw they this, they renewed their cries of anger, with new ones of enraged disappointment. The result was that the O'Learys were bundled unceremoniously to Sing Tashon where the tribe had made their headquarters for the time being.

Arriving there the prisoners were put in a wretched little mud hut, and were strongly bound, leaving no hope for escape.

A hideous little dwarf came to them the next day, Dec. 19, and told them in unhallowed glee that they were to be killed next day.

"Oh most honored white people," he shrilled. "Tomorrow your fate will be signed. Heh! heh! heh! Now see whether your false gods can save you. Heh! heh! heh!"

And he skipped away, his ghoulish laughter echoing throughout the village.

CHAPTER II.

The day of reckoning had arrived, yet the victims showed no vestige of fear, and as soon as all the people had gathered Hal started speaking. He and his wife had made up their minds that even on the day of their death they would tell those people what they had come to Tibet for.

At first the strange language came slow and stammering to his lips, but he soon lost himself in what he was speaking, and became so eloquent in his story of Christ that the people became silent. At the end of his speech he looked at the chief to see if he had impressed him. Yes! He had, but not in the way he desired. He had only aroused in him a grim and crude sense of humor which had laid dormant till then. He talked quickly for a while with the men around him, and when he finished they all burst into raucus laughter. He then turned to Hal and asked him what day it was by foreign reckoning. "Dec. 25th," was the answer.

"And the day your God died?"

"Dec. 25th" Hal replied.

The chief Yah Fung Sai then said to Hal:

"You shall be honored, and you shall become a god amongst your people. You shall be a second Christ. What! you turn white, you do not like to be a god, the god whom you worship and yet you come to tell us about him, to tell us about a god that died like a thief and beside a thief. Bah!!!"

He turned away disgustedly and ordered the prisoners to be put back in the hut, from which they had been taken for their death.

December 24th dawned dull and murky, a fitting day for the crime being done. In the hut, the O'Learys became aware of the unusual silence that surrounded the village. The atmosphere in the hut seemed tense with suppressed excitement and dread as the hours went by and no sound was heard. Hal chafed wildly and uselessly at his bonds, the silence seemed like to drive him mad. Suddenly there came the sound of a soft scratch, such as a mouse would make. Nell turned round involuntarily and to her amazement and joy beheld Chow with a thin, sharp dagger in one hand. Behind him was a large hole in the mud wall. He motioned to them to be silent, and as softly as a panther went across to them and cut their bonds. They then followed him to the hole and squeezed out, impatient for Chow's story, but it was not until they were some distance from the hut, before he told it to them.

He knew, he told them, that the Tibetians always went to worship their gods for a day before they put any one of importance to death; this was to thank the gods far putting the prisoners into their hands. In this case the "House of the Gods," was some distance from the village, and save for a few old women and men and the guards of the hut, the whole village had gone. He, Chow, had waited for their departure before attempting to do anything with the result that his masters were free.

While telling them this he was leading them through unfrequented parts until they came to a huge stone which seemed to lie against a mountain. Chow led them through a small enclosure, and they found themselves in a dark, and well hidden space of ground, where they found the guides and donkeys all ready for departure.

The great deliverance from death had stunned the O'Learys, and after having been bound for so long they were stiff and weak, so they rode on the donkeys while the guides led them out of this dangerous village. All that day and all that night they travelled, through uncertain paths, sometimes steep and sometimes crumbling, but always dangerous. The dawn of the next day found them in a small, scattered village at the border of Tibet and Sze-chwan.

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Christmas day in a hovel, without holly, without presents, without any of the signs of festivity that usually attend Christmas, yet these two found themselves happier, and more thankful for the gift of life, than they had ever been before.

Mary's Christmas Eve

BY MARIE J. TRAIVASAKA,
(Aged 16 Years)

Mary Egbert six years of age, a bright kind-hearted girl, the daughter of an American merchant who has been successful in the silk trade and who has amassed a large fortune during his fourteen years residence in Yokohama is now living alone with her father at their temporary abode in Shanghai.

Mr. Egbert is an energetic and enterprising man who, when quite a boy, imigrated into America from Holland. After a strenuous but unlucky struggle lasting many years in various lines of honest work he drifted to Japan just fourteen years ago and embarked on the silk trade with limited capital. Seven years of hard work requiring great endurance and thrift had at last brought its reward and left him a solfmade man of a moderate fortune. He married shortly afterwards in San Francisco and brought his girl wife back to Japan.

He is seldom demonstrative even towards his family. Though by nature of a kindly disposition, the hardships through which he has passed have made him austere. The two children, Mary and her younger sister Dorothy, had looked to their mother for companionship and reflected much of her sweetness. Mary had repeatedly requested her father, who was opposed to the idea of allowing his children to mix with the Japanese, even on special occasions, to allow some little Japanese playmates to attend their birthday party. The two sisters were much attached to their Japanese amah who had nursed them for many years. The unselfish devotion of this amah was soon to be put to the test.

Just a little before noon on Sep. 1 when the first shock of the earthquake was felt in Yokohama, Mary, attended by her ever faithful amah, was playing as usual with her little Japanese friends in a park not far from her home; Dorothy was indisposed and in bed that morning. At the first shock Mary was terror-stricken and clung to her amah. Another shock of greater intensity brought the houses near by to ruins with a terrible crash. A sudden fear for her mother and sister fell upon Mary but neither she nor Tama did not dare venture into the streets. Her playmates and their amahs were equally panic-stricken and they all made for the park and remained there cowering with fear.

Tama, Mary's amah, also grew very anxious for the safety of her mistress and Dorothy as shock after shock came on without intermission. The very ground on which they stood shook so violently that they felt as if they were in a boat on a stormy sea. She knew that any moment her house might be wrecked and its inmates crashed to death. The very thought drove her mad; she felt she must go to their rescue at any cost, even at the risk of her own life. With as much calmness as she could muster Tama said to her protege in Japanese (which the latter understood as much as her native tongue):

"Mary san, you must be brave, trusting every thing to God now that this great calamity has fallen upon all of us. It is much safer here in the park. I am going to bring your mother and sister here out of the house. Any loss of time may prove fatal to them both. Mary san, you must stay here until I come back with them.

They embraced once more and an eager kiss was implanted on the quivering lips of the hesitating child. Thus they parted, alas, forever, until they should meet again in the better world where no earthquakes are known.

When Tama arrived at her house, after innumerable difficulties and dangers, she found it a complete ruin, a sad realization of worst fear. She looked round among the debris for her mistress and Dorothy. She found the former in a hollow under a fallen beam which had preserved her from an instant death. She hastened to the spot and tried to drag the despairing woman out. It was, however, absolutely necessary to remove the beam before she could rescue her. She was clearing away the heaps of debris from the beam when she realized a fire had broken out near by. The heat was becoming almost unbearable. Still she struggled on with great determination in spite of the scorching heat. She was frantic with her powerlessness.

Mrs. Egbert was too overcome by this unexpected help to express her thanks. She saw only too clearly that even her servant's undaunted courage could not avail as the heat had grown intense beyond human endurance. She said in her usual calm resigned tone:

"Tama, I can't express how deeply grateful I feel to you not only for this heroic deed of yours but for your faithful services these seven years. It's God's will that I should follow my poor Dorothy who has preceded me but a few moments. My husband's fate is not yet known and if he lives, please tell him that I passed away with a heart of gratitude, believing God will pardon this poor repentant sinner. I have another request to ask of you," continued the gentle woman in a sad and entreating voice. "You must see Mary safely out of this great calamity. I hope she is still alive. Now," she said in a calmer voice, "go and leave me to my fate! Save yourself quickly!"

But it was too late. The fire had surrounded them and there was no way of escape. The red devouring tongues of flame had already begun to lick the corner of the ruined house. Tama stretched herself over her lying mistress as if to protect her from the roasting heat. And in this way the brave and faithful girl perished. Her lying words were, "Miss Mary is safe in the park. May God preserve her and her father!" Her mistress heard it and passed away in peace.

Poor Mary! What a hard lot was awaiting her! How bravely and unselfishly she had conducted herself in the midst of general consternation and savage self-preservation! She encouraged her little Japanese friends who were so terrified that they were crying continually for their parents. She formed them into a small group so that they might not become separated in the crowds that were now gathering. Everybody regardless of age, sex, rank of race, was utterly panic-stricken and thought only of his or her own safety. For the first time in their lives vanity was forgotten.

Self-preservation was their sole thought. The heat of the flames around them was overwhelming. There was only one way of escape, to force their way towards the Bund. Immediately the human waves commenced to roll toward the sea. Mary tried her best to keep her little group together as they were carried irresistibly onward. But in vain. She soon found herself alone amidst the jostling mob of refugees.

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the wretched victims were doomed. About noon the following day (Sep. 2) she was picked up by a party of American sailors and was brought safely to one of the American liners lying at anchor off the flame lit shore. Hundreds of the refugees were already on board. Whom should she find there but her own father into whose loving arms she was placed! For the first time in 42 years Mr. Egbert unbent when he heard the awful tale his little daughter had to tell and his cheeks were wet with tears. He now knew the fate of his other dear ones and of the faithful Tama. He had anticipated the worst from the moment, he was driven out of his office the previous day. A relief party had brought him aboard only a short time before he was joined by his dadghter.

A few days saw these two, the sole survivors of the Egbert family, in Shanghai. And now Merry Christmas comes to all happy children in the Far East. And to Mary Egbert? Is she to miss the ever kind Santa Claus? No, she was also to be visited by the kind little old man and was to receive something far more precious than his ordinary gifts to children.

Christmas Eve is here and Mary has gone to bed alone. Her father has come in to kiss her as usual. A sudden sense of unutterable loneliness seizes her and she clings to her father so tightly that he understands. She prays earnestly that Santa Claus would take her to where her mother and sister had gone—she has little hope of finding joy in his Christmas gifts now that she has no sister with whom to share them, worn out she falls fast asleep.

Early nert morning she is up when her father peeps in at her door to see whether she is delighted with the Christmas presents he has chosen for her with such loving iare. The toys in the stocking are taken out and divided into two equal parts. One is neatly arranged in front of Dorothy's picture. The father steels into the room, clasps his daughter and showers kisses on her. A wave of happiness passes over the child's glad heart. To-day is Christmas Day and every child must be happy and merry, as Mary is in spite of her recent bereavement and great sorrow. But how? Let us listen to what Mary is telling her father.

"Dear papa!" cries she in the fullness of her joyful heart, "how happy I am this morning." Before I went to sleep last night I prayed to God to take me to mother and Dorothy: I wanted so much to talk with them of the merry Christmases at our Yokohama home. God heard my prayer. When dear Santa Claus came down through the chimney he waked me gently and said, "Dear child, get up quickly and follow me. I am going to take you to your mother and sister. How glad I was."

"In an instant we were sailing full speed across the stary skies in something like a sledge but not drawn by horses. Soon I fell asleep again: so comfortable was I seated beside my kind white bearded little man who was singing me such a sweet lullaby . . . . . When I awoke the sun had just begun to peep in at our window, for I found my little sister still asleep in the bed we shared as we used to do before the earthquake. The strangest part of my story was that the recent calamity we have encountered had left no trace in my mind: it was completely forgotten. We were again happy at our Yokohama home. Dorothy and I found our usual Christmas presents and shared them with our little Japanese friends. The big Christmas Tree you and dear mother always so kindly gave us was there too. What a merry Christmas dinner we had, you, mother, Doothy and I." We did not forget to give our good Tama our little presents and our best wishes. Everybody seemed as happy as happy could be."

When Mary finished her story Mr. Egbert again took her in his arms and kissed her lovingly. He then told her that he had sent dollars 5000 to Japan as a Christmas donation for the poor little Japanese orphans in Tokio and Yokohama.

The Red Flower And The Chieftain

BY MARGARET McCRACKEN
(Age 14 years)

Once long long ago in part of China was a little country whose name meant hate. It was called this because all of its chiefs had been fierce and cruel.

At the time my story begins a little baby had just been born. His father, who was the chief, had died a few weeks before he was born and his mother died when he was only a few weeks old. Before she died she had sent for an old man who had been her teacher. This old man was called the Ancient One and he lived high up on a mountain that he might see little of the disorder and hatred in the village below. He was given charge of the little chieftain and he took him to live with him in his cave on the mountain.

There on the mountain side the little boy grew up with only the Ancient One and one servant. He was taught that all animals were his friends and that there was not time for anger, hate and quarrelling. He was taught to love the clouds and all things that are beautiful.

One day one of his bird friends brought him a seed which he had brought from across the ocean. The little chieftian planted the seed and tended it carefully and when the flower came it was a beautiful red. Every year the little boy planted the seeds of this beautiful flower and every year they bloomed in the cold season when the other flowers were gone and cheered him with their bright color. He saved the seeds in a little cave on the hillside.

On his twentieth birthday the Ancient One took him to the top of the mountain and told him to look down and see what was being done there.

"I see many people gathered in crowds," he said, "and they have bright banners and waving pennants. It is as if they were preparing for some great ceremony."

Then the Ancient one told him that they were preparing for his coming the next day.

The next morning a splendid procession wound its way up the mountain road to the door of the cave and the Ancient One brought out the young chieftain. His horse adorned with gold trappings, was brought and he was led to the city.

When he rode to the city, besides seeing only the rich peoples houses, he saw what he was not supposed to see, wretched people, and tumbledown houses. He caught glimpses of forlorn little children running away into dirty little alleys. When the people saw how strong and powerful he looked they were afraid of him. They thought because he was twice as strong as the other chieftains he could do twice as much evil.

So the king lived for a few weeks in the crowded city but he visited the low parts of the city and when he saw how the people quarrelled he went back to his mountain home and brought down a lot of the seeds of the red flower. Then he ordered that each person in the city must plant and tend some of the flowers. Each person was given a package of the seeds and as no one knew what the flower looked like they eagerly planted the seeds and watched them grow.

After they had worked in the sweet-scented air for a while and had seen others working, the light of the sun and the freshness of the air made them feel in a better humor; the wind blew away their evil fancies and their headaches and there was less quarreling because if they talked with their neighbors about the red flower their conversation gave no reason for hard words.

Then the flowers budded and on a particularly lovely day the first flower bloomed, and all of the people went to see this one which belonged to a little crippled boy. Then more and more bloomed and the city was a mass of red.

On the day that would have been Christmas if they had had Christmas then, the chieftain rode slowly through the city; he was met with smiling instead of scowling faces and the people greeted the chieftain with a cheery word instead of a sullen frown, for they had learned to love their chief.

And as the chieftain rode on through the city he saw everywhere the beautiful flower that is now called Poinsettia and is associated so much with the Christmas season.

The little country is gone now but before their chieftain died the whole country's name was changed to a much prettier one, meaning Red Flower.

The String Of Black Pearls

BY MOLLY YARD, (AGE 11)

The sun was setting as Marie Blythe and Marjorie Cross sat on the porch of "Silver Nail." Silver Nail was the bungalow of Mr. G. H. Blythe. It was on the mountain of Beklu Fing or White Deer Summit.

"Well," said Marjorie, "I must be going. We will see Howard tomorrow."

"Alright, goodnight."

The two girls had planned to go in search of the "black pearls" with Howard Sanders. It was near the end of Oct. and they hoped to get back sometime in November.

Morning dawned bright and clear.

Marie finished her breakfast and hurried up to get Marjorie. Who should she meet but Marjorie herself. Then they hurried up to Howard's house.

When he heard their plan he thought it a very good one and agreed to go if he could. His mother consented to let him go.

Oct. 30, 1922, dawned. All looked perfect. This was the day in which they were going to start in search of the black pearls which had once belonged to an emperor, who when he was near his death was going to give them away. There was such a fuss over them so he had them hidden away and said, "The first one to find these shall fall heir to them."

They each had a pole with their things tied on the end. They also had knapsacks.

A few days after they started they came to the end of the path and there before them stood a 200 ft. landslide. They had to climb it however for there was no other way to go.

My! how awful! The dirt slipped under their feet and if they tried to catch hold of a root it would come out. They thought they would never get up. At last they got up to the top, but then, it began to pour. They quickly got on their raincoats and started to find some kind of a shelter. The path above was very well sheltered by trees. They went along the path keeping in its shelter.

The next morning Howard went ahead. It was very wet and muddy. After awhile he came to a dreadful gully. He did not know what to do. He took out his map and decided to go a different way.

At last the girls caught up to him, at least it seemed like a year to him. He told them he had decided to go a different way because of the gulley.

"I wonder where we are," said Marie.

"Land knows," said Howard shrugging his shoulders.

Night came and they did not know where they were. The next morning the sun was shining brightly and they hoped it would dry things up. They started as early as they could that morning.

"I believe we are lost!" suddenly exclaimed Howard!

They wandered for a long way the map not doing them any good since they did not know where they were. Finally on Dec. 1, they discovered where they were. Most of their food was gone but they had saved some by eating blackberries.

An old man came up as they rested. They asked this Chinaman if he knew where there were any black beads and so on, but he didn't know.

They started on up the hill and came to a huge cave. They went inside it but didn't find anything except "Mother of Pearl." On they went until they came to a rushing stream.

"What shall we do," said Marjorie.

"I suppose we will have to go up," said Howard drawing out his map. "Yes we will."

They started up the stream. When they were half way up they saw a road. It was very hard going up it for it was steep. At the top there was a bigger cave yet with a five story house built in it.

Inside they did not find much when all of a sudden someone noticed it was snowing. This was very unusal.

"Come quick," cried Marie. Quickly they went where she was. There shs stood with the pearls.

One by one they held the glittering pearls; the only black pearls on the 25th of December.

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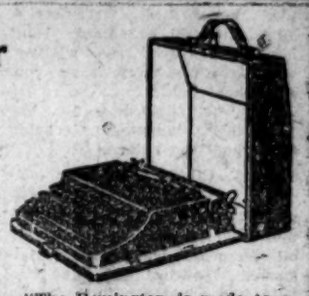

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6°.—Applications for Debentures will be received at the Secretary's Office, Rue du Consulat, from June 20 next.

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Russo-Asiatic Bank

	Roubles.
Capital (fully-paid)	55,000,000
Reserve Fund	26,968,000
Capital Contributed by Kup. the Chinese Government	Tls. 8,500,000
Reserve Fund	1,750,000

Head Office:
Paris, 9 Rue Bordreau
London Office:
64 Old Broad Street, E. C. 2.

Bankers:
London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie and Co.
Societe Generale pour favoriser le developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
Paris: Societe Generale pour Favoriser le Developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Lyons: Societe Generale pour Favoriser le Developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
Milan: Credito Italiano.
Rome: Banco di Roma.
New York: Irving Bank—Columbia Trust Company.
San Francisco: The Crocker National Bank of San Francisco.

BRANCHES IN ASIA

Chanchun	Harbin	Shanghai
Chefoo	Hongkong	Peking
Dairen	Manchouli	Tientsin
Hailar	Kashgar	Yokohama
Hankow	Newchwang	Urumtchi

SHANGHAI BRANCH
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels and Dollars. Terms on application. Local Bills discounted.
Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.
SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES.
L. Jesieraki.
P. Petithuguenin.
Ch. Bieuler.
Managers for Branches in Asia.

Bank of Communications

(Specially authorised and made a National Bank by Presidential Mandates of April 7th, 1911 and October 31st, 1915).
Capital: Dollars 20,000,000.00
President: Hon. Mr. Chang Chien,
Vice-President: Mr. Chien Yung-Ming.
HEAD OFFICE: PEKING
Branches and Agencies in Domestic Cities and Foreign Countries.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement. Credit granted on approved securities. Special Facilities for Transfers to all parts of China.
SHANGHAI BRANCH:
14 The Bund
Shan Chu Hsu Manager.
T. D. Woo, Sub-Manager.
S. T. Huang, Sub-Manager.
S. V. Yuen, Sub-Manager.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Savings Bank Office:
12 The Bund and 9 Broadway.

Deposits of not less than $1.00 will be received.
Not more than $200 will be received during one month from any single Depositor.
Interest at the rate of 3½ % per annum will be allowed upon the monthly minimum balance.
The maximum balance on which interest will be allowed is $5,000.00.
Deposits may be withdrawn on Demand. Accounts will be kept either in Dollars or Taels, Local Currency, at the option of the Depositor.
Depositors will be presented with Pass Books, in which all transaction will be entered. Pass Books must be presented when paying in or withdrawing money.
OFFICE HOUSE, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

The Bank Of Canton, Ltd.

Incorporated 1912.
Capital Authorised ..£1,200,000-0-0
Capital Paid-up £1,076,815-0-0
Reserve Fund H. K. $ 500,000.00

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central Hongkong.

BRANCHES:
Shanghai, New York, Canton, Hankow and Bangkok.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
No. 1 and 2 Ningpo Road.

AGENCIES:

Honolulu	S. Francisco	Kobe
London	Sourabaya	Batavia
Manila	Singapore	Canada
Yokohama	Samarang	etc.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of banking and Exchange business transacted.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT
Savings deposits are cordially invited. Favorable terms are given. Accounts will be kept in Dollars or Taels, at depositors' option.

WONG WEN KUANG.
Manager.

The Chinese American Bank of Commerce

Authorised Capital $10,000,000 00
Paid-up Capital ..... $ 7,500,000.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING
EXECUTIVE OFFICE:
SHANGHAI
BRANCHES:

PEKING	SHANGHAI
TSINAN	HARBIN
HANKOW	SHIHKIACHWANG
TIENTSIN	

Correspondents throughout the World including the Interior of China.
SHANGHAI OFFICE:
11A Nanking Road
Telegraphic Address:
"Sinambank" Shanghai
Codes Used:
Bentley's Complete Phrase
Western Union Code
Whitelaw's 401 Millions Code
Transacting a General Banking Business, Issuing Drafts and Making Telegraphic Transfers, Buying and Selling Foreign Exchange, Issuing Commercial and Circular Letters of Credit, Allowing Interest on Fixed Deposits, Current Accounts, and Savings Accounts.
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Banque De L'Indo-Chine

Subscribed Capital .. 72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund (1-6-20) 69,500,000.00
HEAD OFFICE:
No. 96 Boulevard Hanoomann Paris.

Branches and Agencies:

Saigon	Hanoi	Tourane
Haiphong	Hankow	Tientsin
Peking	Canton	Mengtze
Hongkong	Pondichery	Bangkok
Singapore	Shanghai	Noumea
Papeete	Djibouti	Yunnanfu
Pnom-Penh	Battambang	

London Bankers:
The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.
Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris—Credit Lyonnais.

The Shanghai Agency undertakes all Banking and Exchange operations; grants credits on goods and approved securities; opens current and fixed deposit accounts in taels and francs according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN,
Manager.

International Banking Corporation

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS
U. S. $10,000,000.00
Owned by the National City Bank of New York

HEAD OFFICE:
60 WALL STREET, NEW YORK
LONDON OFFICE:
16 BISHOPSGATE, E. C.

BRANCHES

Barcelona	Manila
Batavia	Panama
Bombay	Peking
Calcutta	Rangoon
Canton	San Francisco
Cebu	Santo Domingo
Colon	Shanghai
Dairen	Singapore
Hankow	Soerabaya
Harbin	Tientsin
Hongkong	Tokio
Kobe	Yokohama
Madrid	

Commercial and Travellers' Letters of Credit, Bills of Exchange and Cable Transfers bought and sold. Current accounts and Savings Bank accounts opened and Fixed Deposits in local and foreign currencies taken at rates that may be ascertained on application to the Bank.
We are also able to offer our Customers the service of the Branches of the National City Bank of New York in the principal countries of Europe, South America and in the West Indies.

N. S. MARSHALL, Manager.
1A Kiukiang Road, Shanghai.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Authorised Capital $60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital $19,760,100.00
Reserve Fund $ 6,088,845.41

Head Office: Peking.
Branches and Agencies:

Peking	Taiyuan	Shanghai
Tientsin	Kaifeng	Hankow
Chanchun	Wuhu	Ichang
Antung	Anking	Changsha
Dalny	Hangchow	Nanchang
Moukden	Ningpo	Kiukiang
Newchwang	Nanking	Foochow
Harbin	Chinkiang	Amoy
Kirin	Hsuchow	Canton
Tsinan	Soochow	Hongkong
Chefoo	Wusieh	Swatow
Tsingtao	Yangchow	Chungking
etc.,	etc.,	etc.

Foreign Correspondents:
London, Paris, Berlin, New York, San Francisco, Tokio, Osaka and Yokohama.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
12 The Bund
Loans granted on approved Securities. Local Bills discounted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels or Dollars according to arrangement.

SUNG HAN-CHANG,
Manager.

Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappy

(Netherlands Trading Society)
Established 1824

Paid-up-Capital: Guilders 80,000,000 (about £6,666,666)
Reserve Funds: Guilders 19,769,181 about £1,647,432)
Special Reserve: Guilders 22,660,000 (about £1,888,333).

Head Office: AMSTERDAM.
Head Agency: BATAVIA
Agencies in Holland:
THE HAGUE and ROTTERDAM

Branches:

Bandjermasin	Pekalongan
Bandoeng	Palembang
Bombay	Penang
Calcutta	Pontianak
Cheribon	Rangoon
Djember	Semarang
Djokjakarta	Singapore
Hongkong	Soerakarta
Kobe	Soerabaya
Kota-Radja	Tegal
Makassar	Tjilatjap
Medan	Welteyreden
Padang	

London Bankers
National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.

Correspondents at the principal places in Europe, Asia, Australia and North America.
The Bank buys, sells and receives for collection bills of exchange, issues letters of credit on its branches and correspondents and transacts banking business of every description.
Shanghai Interest Allowed on current tael accounts and fixed deposits, according to arrangement.

E. J. EBERSCHELER,
Agent.

Chung Foo Union Bank

(Established in 1919)

Subscribed Capital $5,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital $1,500,000.00
Reserve Fund $500,000.00

SHANGHAI BRANCH
17 Jinkee Road
Telegraphic Address "CHUNGFOO"
Telephone Numbers ... C. 1939 Manager's Office.
C. 6468) C. 6469) General Office.
C. 6470)
C. 5620 T. T. Department

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN CHINA

TIENTSIN	Changsha	Hsuchow	Shasi
SHANGHAI	Chengtoh	Ichang	Soochow
PEKING	Chengchow	Kiukiang	Tsinkiangpu
HANKOW	Chinkiang	Nanking	Wusieh
ANTUNG	Fengtien	Ningpo	Wuhu
CANTON	Hangchow	Pengpu	Yangchow
CHANGCHUN	Hongkong	Shaoshing	

FOREIGN AGENCIES AND CORRESPONDENTS

Baltimore	Cincinnati	Montreal	San Francisco
Berlin	Cleveland	New York	Seattle
Boston	Detroit	Osaka	St. Louis
Buffalo	Kobe	Philadelphia	Tokio
Cebu	London	Pittsburgh	Washington
Chicago	Manila	Paris	Yokohama

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in taels, dollars, and other currencies according to arrangement. Savings Deposits taken. All kinds of Trust Business undertaken.
Safe Deposit Boxes.
Credits granted on approved securities.

Y. B. Sun, Manager.
T. D. Zar, Sub-Manager.

The Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank, Ltd.

MEMBER OF THE SHANGHAI BANKERS' ASSOCIATION

Head Office: 9 Ningpo Road, Shanghai.

Capital paid up $2,500,000.00
Reserve ... ... $ 470,000.00

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Credits granted on approved securities.

K. P. CHEN,
General Manager.

The National Commercial Bank, Ltd.

Established 1907.

Capital Fully Paid Up $2,500,000.00
Reserved Fund $850,828.80
Head Office: Shanghai:—Peking & Kiangse Roads.
Manager's Office Cen. 2650.
Telephones: General Office Cen. 2613, 2614 and 2615.
Foreign Exchange Dept. C. 7413.
Branches: Hangchow, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Mukden, Harbin.
Foreign Correspondents: London, New York, San Francisco, Paris, Berlin, Zurich, Hamburg, Tokio, Yokohama, Kobe, and Osaka. Domestic Correspondents at all principal cities in China.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Taels, Dollars, Gold Dollars, and Yen.
Interest allowed on Deposit at call both in Taels and Dollars according to arrangement.
Domestic and Foreign Drafts purchased and sold.
Credit granted on approved securities.
SAVINGS ACCOUNTS 4% PER ANNUM
Every description of banking business transacted.
MODERN SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES FOR RENT

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A BANK whose name and reputation will win the respect and confidence of your customers—a bank that is versed in the methods of the East: that knows its customs and markets—a bank that is your experienced business counselor as well as your financial agent.

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37 WALL STREET, NEW YORK
SHANGHAI OFFICE: 6 KIUKIANG ROAD
Capital Surplus and Undivided Profits U.S. $2,850,000
CENTRAL 7944. A. E. SCHUMACHER, Manager

Information For Mariners

SATURDAY, DEC. 22, 1923

The day tide are higher than the night tides, they are nearly equal about 4 and 5 o'clock.
Approximate rise, at spring 4¼ h; at neaps, 5 h.
fall, at spring 3¼ h; at neaps, 7¼ h.

Time	Range	Time	Range
11h. 50m.	8ft. 3in.		

High Water at Tungsha Lightship
(The day tides are higher than the night tides.)
Aprroximate rise, 1¾ h; approximate fall, 7 h.

A.M.		P.M.	
10	40	11	0

Time of Moonrise, Moonset, Sunrise, Sunset.

Mon Rises	Mon Sets	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Daylight	Dark
4.26 p.m.	5.37 a.m.	6h. 55m.	5h. 0m.	6h. 10m.	5h. 45m.

Mean Barometric Pressure. 30.28 in.
December 769.0 mm.

行銀業實東遠
The Bank of East Asia Ltd.

SHANGHAI BRANCH
No. 10 Kiukiang Road.

Authorised Capital $10,000,000.00
Paid up Capital $ 5,000,000.00
Reserved Fund H.K. $ 500,000.00
HEAD OFFICE: Hongkong.
BRANCHES: Canton, Saigon.
LONDON BANKERS: London Joint City and Midland Bank.
Correspondents in all principal cities of the world. All kinds of banking business transacted.
Interest allowed on current deposits and fixed deposits.
Loans granted on approved securities.

R. CHENG,
Manager.

Commercial Bank of China

Head Office: SHANGHAI.

	Sh. s.
Subscribed Capital ...	5,000,000
Paid-Up Capital ...	2,500,000

Advances made on approved securities. Bills discounted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on daily balance, On fixed deposits:—
For 3 months at 3% per annum.
For 6 months at 4% per annum.
For 12 months at 5% per annum.
On deposits in Dollars according to arrangement.

H. C. MARSHALL,
Chief Manager.

SINO-ITALIAN BANK

Aut. Cap. Silver Dollars. 4,800,000
Aut. Cap. Gold It. Lire 16,000,000
Paid up Capital ..Silver $1,200,000
Paid up Cap. Gold It. Lire 4,000,000
Reserves ..... Silver $150,000
Head Office: Shanghai.
Branches:
Hankow, Peking, S'hai, Tientsin.
Bankers:
Italy: Credito Italiano.
England: Credito Italiano, National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Glyn Mills and Currie.
France: Banque Francaise et Italienne pour l'Amerique du Sud Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris, Banque Italo Belge.
United States: Credito Italiano Equitable Trust Company.
Canada: Canadian Bank of Commerce.
South America: Banca Italo Belga.
Switzerland: Banca Unione di Credito.
Banque Commerciale de la Baltique, Len and Co.'s Bank.
Banca Unione de Credito.
Belgium—Credit General Liegeois Current, fixed and savings accounts carried in Taels, Dollars, Sterling, U. S. Gold, Italian Lire, Francs and other currencies. Terms on application.
General banking business transacted. Special facilities for Italian exchange.
Telegraphic Address: Sinit SHANGHAI, No. 16 Kiukiang Road.
Tel. C. Nos. 5090 and 5091.
Managers' Office Central 3006.

C. MARMONT,
SHIN YU SHU,
Managers.

Passengers Departed

Per C.N. s.s. Hsin Peking for Ningpo: Messrs. J. Frost, S. Barton, Mrs. J. S. Shearer.

Per I-C. s.s. Loongwo for Hankow: Mr. P. J. Klink.

Per M.M. s.s. Chambord for Marseilles: Mr. and Mrs. J. Durang, Misses Durang, Mrs. A. Coubitsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Schroeder, Mr. and Mrs. R. Noiron, Mr. A. Noiron, Misses S. Neiron, G. Staheyeff, Messrs. An Jang Chuing, Fe Kup Nien, A. Mihelson, H. P. Riou, H. Lemaitre, E. Rohee, J. Perretti, J. Ramonet, J. Michaud, J. Jammes, J. Guyomarch, A. Mouropgean, O. Thebyne, H. Jeangean, A. Delpon, A. Hollenger, N. Phillippe, J. Le Bris, E. Canton, P. Hollion, C. Brunie, G. Trebaol, C. Perica, L. Schneider, Boileau, Le Mogue, R. Dagene; for port Said: Mr. P. Dimitriou; for Singapore: Mr. Sio Him Ko; for Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. de Freitas, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hicks, Mrs. J. Behar and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Kan Yin Poo, Miss Kan, Mrs. Yu, Mr. T. Z. Yu, Mrs. G. Marques, Miss N. Morgadp, Mr. and Mrs. Kouaminisky and infant, Mrs. A. J. Padilla, Mrs. T. Ma, Mrs. Z. Ma, Messrs. A. L. Anderson, A. Rendtorff, R. G. Dumbell, Y. C. Chan, Julius B. Wood, Kan Jr, Kan, Kan Chan, Loo Kou Ying, L. G. da Silva, M. Batcha.

Provision Prices In Local Market

Prices quoted are in Mexican dollar cents at Hongkew Market compiled on December 18th, 1923.

Butcher's Meat

Beef	per lb.	18-30
Mutton	,,	18-30
Pork	,,	30-40
Veal	,,	24-35

Fish

Bream	per lb.	25-30
Cod	,,	18-20
Mandarin	,,	30-40
Mackerel	,,	30-40
Pomfret	,,	25-30
Salmon	,,	20-25
Samli	,,	none
Soles	,,	20-25
Whitebait	,,	20-25

Game Poultry and Eggs

Deer	each	$2.50-$3.00
Eggs	per doz.	25-30
Fowl	per lb.	20-30
Hare	each	35-40
Partridge	,,	40-50
Pheasant	,,	80-$1.00
Geese	,,	$1.20-$1.50
Plover	,,	none
Pigeons	,,	20-25
Quail	,,	18-20
Snipe	,,	16-18
Teal	,,	18-20
Turkey	per lb.	40-45
Woodcock	each	50-60
Wild Duck	,,	40-45
Duck	,,	30-$1.00
Wild Pigeon	,,	12-15

Fruit

Apricots	per lb.	none
Apples	,,	20-25
Bananas	,,	7-8
Chestnuts	,,	14-16
Cherries	per lb.	none
Cocoanuts	each	18-20
Figs	ped doz.	none
Grapes	per lb.	20-25
Grape fruit	each	none
Lemons	,,	9-10
Lichees	per lb.	none
Oranges	,,	12-15
Peaches	,,	none
Mangoes	each	none
Melons	,,	none
Mangosteens	per doz.	none
Persimmons	per lb.	none
Pears	,,	16-18
Peeboes	,,	none
Plums	,,	none
Pumeloes	each	20-25
Pineapples	,,	13-14
Strawberries	per lb.	none
Walnuts	,,	15-18

Vegetable

Artichokes	per lb.	3-4
Asparagus	per doz.	none
Bamboo Shoots	per lb.	none
Beetroot	per bunch	2-2
Broad Beans	,,	12-15
Cabbages	each	5-10
Celery	per bunch	10-12
Carrots	,,	4-5
Cauliflower	each	20-30
Egg Plant	per lb.	10-12
French Beans	,,	10-12
Green Corn	,,	none
Peas	,,	16-18
Leeks	per bunch	4-5
Parsnips	,,	4-5
Potatoes	per picul	$2.40-2.60
Radishes	per bunch	1-2
Onions	per lb.	4-6
Spinach	,,	3-4
Tomatoes	,,	6-10
Turnips	per bunch	2-3

Grain and Flour

Flour American	,,	$4.00
Flour, Shanghai	,,	$2.80
Bran	per 114 lbs.	$3.40
Barley	,,	$4.20
Rice	per 200 lbs.	$12.00

Milk

Chinese dairies	per bottle	$0.20
Foreign dairies	,,	$0.25

Fuel

Fire Wood	per 40 bundles	$1.00
Stove Coal	per ton Tls.	18.75
House Coal	,,	15.75

E. Kilner,
Chief Inspector.

Weather Report

Dec. 20.—The anticyclone has shifted to Nippon, and a depression develops to the North of Shensi. Low pressures between the Carolines and the Philippines. Easterly breezes veering to South on the Yellow Sea. Moderate monsoon with local calms in the south. Weather fine and mild in our Valley, overcast in the South; rain in South Formosa, snow at Irkutsk.

Dec. 21.—The pressure is still falling, and the breeze veering gradually to Southwestern and West. Weather cloudy, but fine and mild; slight mist at sunrise.

Financial And Commercial News

BENJAMIN AND POTTS SHARE LIST

Yesterday's Closed

Stock	Closing Quotations
Banks	
H. K. and S. B.	H.$1,050 B.
Chartered	£19¼ S.
Russo-Asiatic	Nom
Marine Insurance	
Canton	H.$690 B.
North China	Tls. 138
Union of Canton	$H.236
Yangtsze	H.$25½ B.
Far Eastern Ins.	Tls. 22
Fire Insurance	
China Fire	H.$136 B.
Hongkong Fire	H.$510 B.
Shipping	
Indo-Ch'na Del.	H.$133½
Indo-China Pref.	H. $38½ B.
"Shell"	77/-
S'hai Tug ord.	Tls. 75 S.
S'hai Tug Pref.	Tls. 53 B.
Mining	
Kaiping	Tls. 18¾ B.
Oriental Cons.	13/-
Raub	$5.20 B.
Docks	
Hongkong Dock	H.$150 B.
Shanghai Dock	Tls. 91
New. Eng. Works	Tls. 6¼ B.
" Pref.	Tls. 5.20
Wharves	
Shanghai Wharf	Tls. 175 B.
Honkong Wharf	H.$152 S.
Lands and Hotels	
S'hai Hotel, Ltd.	$45 B.
S'hai Realty ord.	Tls. 50
China Realty Pref.	Tls. 50
A.-French Land.	Tls. 120 B.
Shanghai Land.	Tls. 122½
Carlton Ltd.	Tls. 53
Cotton Mills	
E-wo (ord.)	Tls. 13
E-wo (pref.)	Tls. 113 B.
Laou-kung-mow	Tls. 10
Oriental	Tls. 5.30
Shanghai Cotton.	Old 76 New 51
Industrials	
Butler Tiles	Tls. 25
China Sugar	$245 B.
Green Island	Tls. 26 B.
Langkats	Tls. 34 B.
Major Bros.	Tls. 5
S'hai Sumatra	Tls. 90 S.
Stores	
Hall and Holts	$246 B.
Llewelyn	Tls. 26¼ B.
Lane Crawford	Tls. 6.90 B.
Nourrie	Tls. 25 B.
Watson	Tls. 104 B.
Weeks	$70
Rubbers (local)	H.$22½ B. $11 S.
Alma	Tls. 6¾
Amherst	Tls. 0.50 S.
Anglo-Java	Tls. 6½ B.
Anglo-Dutch	Tls. 2.80 B
Ayer Tawah	Tls. 23
Batu Anam 1913	Tls. 1.10 B
Bute	Tls. 0.75 B.
Bukit Toh Alang	Tls. 1.10
Chemor United	Tls. 1 B.
Chempedak	Tls. 7
Cheng	Tls. 1.40 B.
Consolidated	Tls. 2.40 B.
Dominion	Tls. 2 B.
Gula Kalumpong	Tls. 8¾ B.
Java Consolidated	Tls. 13¼ B.
Kapaying	Tls. 12¾ B.
Karan	Tls. 7
Kedah	Tls. 1.15 B.
Koth Bahroe	Tls. 1 B.
Kroewoek Java	Tls. 16
Padang	Tls. 6½
Pengkalan Durian	Tls. 1.10 B.
Permata	Tls. 3 B.
Repah	Tls. 0.90 B.
Samagagas	Tls. 0.80
Seekees	Tls. 1.15 S.
Semambu	Tls. 1¼ B.
Senawang	Tls. 1.12½
S'hai Kiebang	Tls. 0.60 B.
Shanghai Malay.	Tls. 4 B.
S'hai Malay pref.	Tls. 9
Shanghai Pahang	Tls. 0.90 B.
Sungala	Tls. 1.30 B.
Sungei Duri	Tls. 3¾ S.
Sua Manggis	Tls. 7½ B.
S'hai Seremban	Tls. 0.80
Taiping	Tls. 0.70 B.
Tanah Merah	Tls. 0.80
Tebong	Tls. 1.40
Zinangbes	Tls. 3¼ B.
Miscellaneous	
C. I. & E. Lumber	Tls. 325
Culty Dairy	Tls. 13
Shanghai Trams.	Tls. 170 S.
Shanghai Gas	Tls. 42 B.
Horse Bazaar	Tls. 50 B.
S'hai Mercury	Tls. 20 B.
S'hai Telephone	Tls. 73 S.
S'hai Waterworks	Tls. 171

S. Sellers, Sa. Sales, B. Buyers

PARIS-LONDON RATE

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Paris, Dec. 20.—The Paris-London cross-rate is quoted today at: £1—84.87 francs.

Stock Exchange

Transactions

Today's Quotations

Shanghai, December 21, 1923

UNOFFICIAL

Langkats (Comb.) Tls. 34.25
Langkats (Comb.) Tls. 34.50
Shanghai Loans Tls. 6.75
Consolidated Tls. 2.65 March

Money Exchange

Shanghai, December 21, 1923

Mex. Dollar market rate 72.175
Native Interest 70
Copper Cash 251.800
Shanghai Gold Bar 321.80
Bar Silver 33⅛
Bank rate of Discount 4%
Paris on Lonodon 84.85
New York on London 436½
London—
Telegraph Transfer ... 3/3½
Demand 3/3⅝
New York—
Telegraphic Transfer .. 72
Demand 72¼

OPENING RATES
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank
Opening quotations 9:30 a.m.
BANKS SELLING RATES

London T.T. 3/3½
London Demand 3/3⅝
London 4 m-s. 3/3⅝
India T.T. 230¼
France T.T. 1390
America T.T. 72
Hongkong T.T. 70¾
Japan T.T. 65¼
Batavia T.T. 195
Straits T.T. 71½

BANKS BUYING RATES

London 4 m-s. Credits.... 3/5½
London 4 m-s. Docts 3/5¾
London 6 m-s. Credits.... 3/6
London 6 m-s. Docts. ..... —
France 4 m-s. 1470
America 4 m-s. L/c. 74¾
Docs. 75¼

Gold Dollars: Bank Buying Rates
@ 73½ = Tls. 136.05
@ exch. 72.5 = Mex. $187.65
Sovereigns: Bank Buying Rate
@ 3s. 4⅝d. = Tls. 5.91
@ exch. 72.5 = Mex. $8.15

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Hk. Tls. 1 @ 1260½ Fr. 14.01
Hk. Tls. 1 @ — Marks —
Hk. Tls. 4 @ 69½ Yen 1.60
Hk. Tls. 1 @ 225⅝ Rupees 2.51
Hk. Tls. 1 @ — Roubles —
Hk. Tls. 1 @ 1.50 Mex. $1.50
Hk. Tls. 1 @ 15⅞ Ital. Lire 17.68

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CLOSING COUNTER RATES

Demand selling on America 72½
Demand buying on America 73½
Demand selling on London 3/3⅝
Demand buying on London 3/4⅝

ROUBLE EXCHANGE
BANK'S BUYING RATE

Roubles 575,000 .... Taels 100
Roubles 100 ..... Mex. $0.03

SINO-ITALIAN BANK
Bank's Selling Rates

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It. Lire 10.60 = 1 Yen

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7th Year 6%	48.40	49.00
9th Year 6%	72.00	72.20
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Exchange Fluctuations

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December 21, 1923

Spot bar silver was down ⅛d. and forward ⅛d. in London yesterday. The New York price declined to 64 cents and the London-New York cross rate to 436½.

Our official Sterling rate here today was dropped to 3s. 3½d., the Gold Dollar rate to 72, the Yen rate raised to 65½ and the other rates changed accordingly. Our market here at one time of the day was quite easy but steadied up at the close.

When the market was weakest there were no sellers of Sterling at better than 3s. 3⅞d. for near delivery, 3s. 3⅝d. December and 3s. 2⅞d. for January.

The best sellers of Gold Dollars were offering 72½ for near delivery, 72⅛ for December and 70⅞ for January.

However at the close there were sellers of Sterling at ⅛d. and of Gold Dollars at ¼ point above these rates. There were sellers of Yen at the close at 64½ for December, 65¼ January and 65¼ for February.

Banks were quoting 3s. 4⅝d. and 74½ for Sterling and Gold Dollar bills for near delivery.

For January there were buyers at 3s. 4d. and 73 and for forward deliveries buyers at 3s. 3d. and 72. There were buyers of Franc bills at 1440 for near delivery, 1430 for January and 1420 for forward.

China sold silver in London yesterday and India bought, the market closing steady. The New York market is also reported as steady.

Cotton Reports

In their weekly report on the Shanghai Cotton market, Messrs. A. B. Rosenfeld and Son write as follows:

China Cotton:—During the past week there has been no decided change in the fundamental conditions of the market and fluctuations were due principally to speculative causes. The easy tendency during the early part of the week was due to the tightness of the market and the rumors of the political squabble between Chekiang and Kiangsu provinces, and at the close of the market money the predominating sentiment seemed to be in favor of steady prices.

Looking at the situation in the broadest way, therefore, we do not look for a return of lower prices this season and believe that for the present the bull side of the market will offer the best basis for operations, unless the political situation and money market broadening the speculation, though in taking this view, it should not be overlooked that it might be well at times to take advantage of strong spots to secure accrued profits with the view of replacing purchases in easier markets.

Yarn:—Nothing bearish has come to light since our last report was issued. Our market during the intervals continued steady to firm with a feeling of assurance that no weakness is likely to develop in this direction for some time to come. Some six to seven thousand bales of various counts and chops of local products have changed hands between dealers for exports, and over three thousand bales direct business with the Mills have been recorded.

SPINT'S REPORT

Messrs. J. Spunt and Company write as follows in their weekly report on the cotton market:

China Cotton.—Our market during the past week maintained a very steady position in that fluctuations could be recorded only within a very narrow range and actual business done was on a very small scale. Prices show no recessions except in isolated cases of distress cotton, due to pressure brought to bear on certain holders who lack financial support. Instances of this nature are likely to recur as we approach the Chinese New Year festivities, and any offerings from such sources should meet with quick absorption either for present outlook on the world supplies and consumption of raw cotton, indicate a tendency more to higher than lower levels. Tone of the Market.—Steady.

Wife Of Nikolai Lenin Is Noted Educator

Mme Nikolai Lenin

Nadejda, wife of Nikolai Lenin, Dictator of Soviet Russia, is a noted Russian educator, having written several standard text books on teaching. She is also a poet, her lyrics having attracted much favorite praise in Russian literary circles. She has also written much on social problems, especially on suffrage.

Bandits Bother Soviet Troops In Manchuria

(Reuter's Service)

Riga, Dec. 20.—It is reported from Moscow that the Soviet press states that owing to the numerous bands of Hunghutze and deserters ravaging the Amur district and other parts of Manchuria the Soviet's authority there exists only on paper. The newspapers add that new outbreaks have occurred in Bokhara and Ferghana, where Red troops have been sent to crush them.

Mail At U. S. Consulate

Mail matter addressed to the following in care of the American Consulate-General, Shanghai, remained uncalled for on December 15, 1923.

Ames, Kirk L.
Anderson, Alex
Andrews, P. A.
Armsby, Gordon
Ash, Capt. George
Austin

Baker, C.
Baker, D.
Berg, Garl
Bish, Ethel
Brewster, J. Beveridge
Brown, B.
Brown, B. F.
Brown, L.
Bunch, W. L.

Campbell, Helen B.
Castle, H.
Cavanough, A.
Chapin, Albert C.
Church, Ruby J.
Collins, A. A.
Constantine, E. H.
Cooney, T. Ledger
Crolly, Harbart

Dallas, H. L.
Dally, K.
Dally, R.
David, J. S.
Davis, Clara G.
Dean, F. E.
Demming, Major Derill
Derby, George A.

Fitzpatrick, John E.

Gaul, Earle O.
Georges, E. T.
Grady, Mathew
Grubert, William
Guzman, Pedro A.

Harrell, Otho
Hayes, William F.
Hays, Leo
Healey, James M.
Hillman, A. A.
Hirsch, Harry
Holt, D.
Houston, J. B.
Hsin, Ha Tze
Hull, H. J. and Co.
Hull, M. V.
Hsuk, Rev. Mr.
Hyland, J. J.

Jacobsen, F. S.
Johnson, Bernice
Johnson, T. Neal
Jolly, M. C.

Kelly, Jas.
Kin-Cade
Kundson, Waldemar

La Brance, W.
Lahashaka H.
Lake, Doris
Lane, L. B.
Lynch, E.

Marsh, Ernest L.
McNabb, D. I.
McVay, Sylvester T.
Mill, John B.
Miller, W. C.
Moore, W. G.
Muehlenbruch, C. T.
Murdock, Frank C.

Olsen, E. D.

Palmares, Elesio
Parker, William
Parrish, Delbert
Parsons, J. A.

Reynolds, H. A.
Rice, Watson, W.
Robinson, Catherine

Sammons, Cecil
Sammons, C. E.
Seidler, R. D.
Shanghai, Geo. A.
Singian, Dr.
Smith, E. L.
Stanley, George Parks
Steward, John C.

Thomstroff, J. F.
Towers, E. S.
Tuyler, A. W.

United Trading Development Co.

Varley, Evelyn
Veney, John Irvin

Waddell, St. John
Watson, George
Webb, Charles H.
Wheeler, Marjorie
Whittaire, W.
Williams, Edward T.
Williams, W.
Woodard, Granville O.
Wright, J. W.

Yok, K. Z.
Young, C. K.
Yuen, K. K.

Zimmermann, Dr. Jean Turner
Zimmermann, W. H.
Zurholzer.

Polar Flight Tests Prove Successful

(Reuter's American Service)

Lakehurst, N. J., Dec. 20.—Commander McCrary of the dirigible Shenandoah says that the first series of tests in connection with the proposed flight to the North Pole have been satisfactory. The Shenandoah was held secure at a mooring mast for twentyfour hours in a wind varying from six to twenty miles an hour from various points of the compass. The new method whereby a hundred men might bring down the dirigible instead of three hundred as had hitherto been required also proved successful. Cables from the dirigible were attached to block tackle and three motortrucks slowly brought down the airship.

Gen. Tang Heaas Railway Guaras

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 18.—The Government Gazette reports that General Tang Tsai-lin sent out an official notification on December 14 of his assumption of the post of Tupan of the Railway Protection Administration under the control of the Cabinet.

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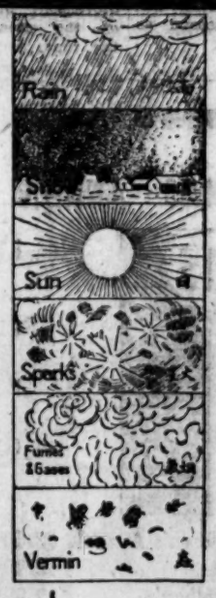

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Overcast and cold weather. Fresh or strong Nly winds along the North coast. Increasing monsoon in the South. Rough weather in the sea of Japan. The depression coming from the Caroline will approach Mindanao.

Soldiers Get The Money But Teachers And Diplomats Wait

WHEN China cut off relations with Russia in 1920 she ceased making payments to that country on the account of the Boxer Indemnity and since that time the money which formerly went to Russia has been used for the redemption of domestic loans. The third, fourth and seventh year domestic bond issues are supposed to be covered by this fund which comes out of the customs surplus after foreign obligations have been made. Since the Seventh year domestic loan was paid off last year the portion of the fund which formerly went for that purpose has since been used to cover another domestic issue, the Eleventh year loan. In addition to the Russian share of the Boxer Indemnity which has been cancelled China has also been using the former German and Austrian portions of the Boxer Indemnity for covering certain domestic loan issues which have been floated from time to time in Peking's frantic search for money.

As was mentioned in these columns of *The China Press* recently, when Mr. Wang Keh-ming assumed office as acting Minister of Finance he did so with a promise that he would raise $3,000,000 monthly for the payment of soldiers and government employes. He has been in office now for one month and apparently has made good in raising the money for the first month, but in expending it the "employes" of the government who have received first consideration are the soldiers and there hasn't been anything left for other employes of the government who come under the classification of teachers, or consular and diplomatic officers.

The teachers who seem to be hardest hit are those connected with schools in the Peking area and principally those employed at the national government or Peking University. Teachers connected with other government schools such as the National Southeastern University at Nanking and Shanghai have fared better because the Military Governor of Kiangsu province has personally come to their assistance. We are not familiar with the situation confronting other government schools but suppose that those coming under the heading of military institutions have been taken care of in some way either through the central government or through provincial military authorities.

From the standpoint of the consular officials and the diplomats abroad their position has been the worst of all chiefly for the reason that they are not on the ground floor to raise a howl. Furthermore the status of China's diplomatic and consular representatives abroad does not carry much weight with the average ignorant military official who sees no use for them anyway, so they have been left to carry on as best they could without salaries. In the cases of a few such as the Ministers to the United States, Great Britain and France they have been able to continue at their posts by borrowing money from banks in Washington, London and Paris supposedly upon the personal security of the Ministers themselves since China's credit abroad is now practically non-existant. Even this now seems to be at an end and the world may see the interesting spectacle of China's entire diplomatic and consular establishment abroad closing up shop and returning home, if reports current in Peking, may be accepted as correct.

Now here is where the Russian share of the Boxer Indemnity comes into the picture. In order to raise funds for the diplomats and consuls abroad it was proposed some time ago to use this money as security for another domestic bond flotation for the purpose of paying their salaries, but at this point Mr. Karakhan, head of the Soviet Mission in Peking came forward with a note to the Chinese Foreign Office suggesting that the Russian Share of the Boxer Indemnity be used to pay the school teachers in the metropolitan area. Naturally this attracted favorable attention on the part of the teachers and brought to Mr. Karakhan much favorable comment and propaganda which doubtless was one of the things he had in mind when he made the suggestion.

But now it seems that neither of these propositions can be realised because the Chinese bankers are claiming that all of the Boxer funds are necessary as security for the domestic bond issues which they hold and there the matter stands. Therefore the whole question comes back to the proposition that there isn't sufficient money available in China for anything except the military machine which is taking everything except the portion which must be set aside for certain foreign obligations and over which the foreigners have a certain measure of control. Truly the situation in China is pathetic when its government is unable to discharge its obligations to its educators and its representatives abroad on account of the hungry and worthless military machine which gobbles up all of the available cash. The incident last week when a disgruntled general who had received only $5,000 for his bureau invaded the Ministry of Finance and assaulted the Minister of Finance because he couldn't get more money is typical of the situation of military anarchy which has developed in the land.

When Captain Dollar stated in an address in Shanghai last week his opinion that all of the Tuchuns should be hanged to the nearest electric lamp posts, he unconsciously expressed a feeling which is quite prevalent among most of the thinking classes of the Chinese as well as foreigners interested in the well-being of the Chinese Republic.

Our Consular Service

THE excellent work which is done by our consular service in China hardly needs much commendation to the notice of Americans in the Far East, for there is little doubt about it that our consular officers work with unmistakable efficiency and are always anxious in the extreme to further the interests of their nationals in China.

The other day, however, we were surprised to come across a list of the things an American Consul is prepared to do to assist the American merchant in China. Mr. Ernest B. Price, American Consul at Foochow, in a circular to the members of the China Club of Seattle sets forth in imposing array exactly what the American Consular service will undertake for the purpose of assisting its nationals to push American trade in China, and lengthy though the document is, we have not the slightest hesitation in publishing it *in toto*. The American consul is prepared to:—

1. Furnish him with complete and detailed information concerning his Consul District on:
   - General economic and business conditions;
   - Crops;
   - Transportation facilities, freight rates;
   - Labor conditions;
   - Local conditions;
   - Statistics of trade;
   - Customs duties and requirements;
   - Local customs, methods of marketing, etc.
2. Give him letters of introduction and personal introduction to local business men, officials, and Chambers of Commerce;
3. Assist him to procure agencies or agents locally;
4. Assist him to procure native staff and quarters, warehouse space, dock and lighterage facilities;
5. Assist him to obtain registration with the local authorities as an American firm so as to obtain extra territorial privileges and treatment;
6. Assist him to register trademarks, provisionally, and obtain proclamations from the local authorities against infringement;
7. Assist him to obtain special permits for importation of chemicals, explosives for industrial purposes, or narcotic drugs for medicinal purposes, or firearms for self-protection or hunting purposes;
8. Assist him to obtain vise for travel into the interior and protection enroute, for himself and goods;
9. Institute arbitration or legal proceedings on his behalf with the local authorities, and if necessary to obtain justice enter the Chinese Court and watch the proceedings, with the right to introduce, question and cross-question witnesses, and protest against the decision in detail;
10. Keep him supplied—through the Department of State and the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce publications, such as "Commerce Reports," etc., with current trade information regarding his District;
11. Maintain a well-indexed commercial library in which advertising literature can be filed for the attention of inquirers;
12. Act as notary public for taking oaths, acknowledgments, etc. In China he is the only notary public recognised by American law.
13. Accept for record, after proper authentication, valuable legal documents such as powers of attorney, deeds, mortgages, contracts, etc. In China there is—outside the foreign concessions—no regular record of deeds, hence the Consulate "Deed Book" becomes a very valuable record.
14. Assist American merchants vessels and merchant seamen as provided by law; and assist informally by getting pilots, berths, giving assistance in buying of ship's supplies, etc.;
15. File protests and institute claims against Chinese losses due to acts of Chinese Government agencies.

It will be noticed that some of the work undertaken would in other circumstances appertain to the staff of the merchant himself, for ordinarily a consular officer could not be expected to assist in the procuring of a native staff and quarters, warehouse space, dock and lighterage facilities, though the fact that our representatives in the various ports of China are willing to see to these matters is indicative of the lengths to which really efficient service can be taken. It has been said of a certain service in China that the trade of its nationals grew in spite of its activities rather than because of its assistance. This is not true of the American Consular service which has done excellent work in the past and gives every promise of continuing its faithful service to our important and growing commerce with this country.

If we examine the above list, even superficially, we notice that our Consuls practically are prepared to watch a deal from the introduction of the parties to the delivery of the goods, and then, should disputes arise in the Chinese Courts, to send representatives to take whatever steps are possible to prevent miscarriage of justice. Not less important is the maintenance of adequate commercial information. Many of the reports forwarded to Washington on these subjects are worthy of the greatest attention and do in fact receive it from those keenly interested in the China market. This, however, constitutes but a portion of the work of the service. Probably more demand is made upon its time by the request for individual service, such as is readily accorded wherever possible.

And when we have the opportunity, such as is given us here of seeing for ourselves the diversity of activities which engage the attention of our consular officers as part of their ordinary routine we cannot fail to express some surprise that the staffs we have in the various out ports, and especially an important center like Shanghai can handle the work thus thrust on them as quickly and efficiently as they do. The list, be it remembered, does not cover everything, the assistance of the distressed, the handling of varied individual problems of those who regard the Consul as father and mother and every other relation to whom appeals for help in all manner of questions may be readily made. It is particularly fitting, therefore, when we have such an opportunity as this, to pay a tribute to the fine work which is being done by our civil servants in China. We have the greatest possible admiration for the service and the work it is doing, and can only express the hope that the high standard of efficiency already set will be maintained in the future as notably as in the past.

Back In Half Hour

By Dr. Charles Fleischer

You have seen similar signs on doors of offices or little shops: Back in half hour.

This one decorated the door of a tailor shop I passed yesterday. Ordinarily it might not have caught my attention, but somehow it touched even my imagination this time.

And sent it off to Japan, Italy and elsewhere on earth and over the universe.

Back in half hour.

Suppose a tailor in Tokio had left such word at his door while he went off for a cup of tea—

And then came earthquake and conflagration—and the poor Japanese never came back!

How silly these frightful cataclysms of nature make all our fussing and fuming, all our shouting and strutting seem!

We plot and we scheme—individuals and nations—then Mother Nature trembles and we are—much less than we were.

Japan grows big with ambition, dreams of world power—the earth shakes, the tides rise, and stricken Japan becomes the object of all human sympathy.

A catastrophe of such magnitude as to humble a mighty nation makes overweening Italy look foolish and Napoleonic Mussolini shrink to the littleness of a militant ant.

Back in half hour? Perhaps you will—and perhaps you won't.

Perhaps your little engagements and promises, your "important" plans and ambitions—you individuals and nations—do not loom so large to "the Eye that seeth all."

If "to-morrow we die," that is not reason to "eat and drink" and swagger, but to be as decent as possible while life lasts.

Our Literary Column

EXCERPTS FROM GREAT THINKERS

By Mathy

THE PAIN OF LIMITATION

To live cheerfully with ourselves is among the most difficult tasks which life lays upon us. When one thinks of it, there is something appalling in the necessity of spending all one's time for fifty, seventy, or more years with the same person. This inevitable companionship with ourselves, this necessity of seeing always with the same eyes, thinking with the same brain, doing work with the same faculties, passing through all manner of experience with the same temperaments, makes life one long, monotonous imprisonment unless every resource for enlargement and enrichment is used. It is this blighting monotony rather than "the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" which drives some men and women to the mad folly of suicide—that futile effort to break away from self instead of emancipating self. For monotony is far more difficult to bear than misfortune; as the fury and perils of the storm are easier to endure than long, weary weeks of dull grey weather. The changes and the dangers of the tempest may terrify us at times, but they take us out of ourselves, they make us forget ourselves, they fasten our thoughts on the movement of the world about us. To mix with action, to feel the stir of the world, to be in the vortex of change, involves great and inevitable risks; but life itself is a constant risk.

It is not risk which depresses and paralyses men; it is monotonous inactivity. Men do not put pistols to their heads when the battle is on, and every post is a place of peril; they succumb to despair when dull day succeeds dull day in depressing succession. It is monotony which eats the heart out of joy, destroys the buoyancy of the spirit, and turns hope to ashes; it is monotony which saps the vitality of the emotions, depletes the energy of the will, and finally turns the miracle of daily existence into dreary commonplace. And monotony has its roots, not in our conditions, but in ourselves. In the same conditions one man will find constant interest and another persistent dullness; one man will be awakened and stimulated, and another stupefied and deadened. There are, of course, circumstances which prey upon the stoutest hearts and chill the most ardent spirits; but men are rarely placed in environments which cannot be modified by the energy of the spirit. The prison which condemns some men to despair gives others time and quiet for meditation. Raleigh found the Tower a convenient place in which to write the "History of the World," and Silvio Pellico turned his duress into an opportunity of winning fame. Most men are crushed by invalidism, but John Addington Symonds transformed his enforced residence in the high Alps into one prolonged period of fruitful work. It is difficult to believe that he could have done more if he had spent those toilsome years in the beautiful restfulness of Oxford. The hand of doom rested early upon Robert Louis Stevenson; but he became one of the great adventurers of the time, and turned his quest for health into a quest for that large experience which makes its possessor a master of life. Conditions have much to do with success, but they are not its determining factors; in the last analysis we are the makers or losers of our fortunes; and life is interesting or monotonous as we ourselves are interesting or monotonous.

Editorial Comments

Before the Great War international problems, especially if they concerned trade, were difficult of solution. The war has changed all this, thanks principally to the League of Nations, whose good work even in the cause of better commerce is being appreciated all over the world. We need hardly recall the good services performed by the League of Nations in the case of the Austrian Loan that was floated, the Danzig currency question, the financial settlement of Hungary, the Albanian problem, etc. Now comes a greater achievement in the field of commerce. It is the International Convention relating to customs formalities signed at Geneva last month, which is of particular significance to the International business world. This conference reviewed the Customs formalities all over Europe, Asia and America, its aim being to simplify these. Its labors in this connection are written large in a bulky document just issued, covering 30 articles, three annexes, a protocol and an acte final, as it is termed. The articles concern the undertaking of the signatory Powers in connection with Customs formalities, and the annexes deal with the recommendations that the convention has deemed it necessary to make, while the acte final is a resume of the sittings together with the agenda on the different sitting dates. A better team of able workers for such a complicated task could not have been selected. With the co-operation of International business men, the convention has succeeded in arriving at some extremely useful reforms. For instance, fewer certificates of origin will be insisted upon. When their presentation is unavoidably necessary they are to be simplified and may be issued by approved Chambers of Commerce. Again, it will not be necessary to have these issued in the country of origin. Let us hope this convention has set to rest unnecessary, arbitrary customs formalities and unjust discrimination. If so, the League of Nations will have added another feather to its cap.

Correspondence

CORRECTION

Editor, THE CHINA PRESS:

In an article published in this morning's issue of THE CHINA PRESS, under the heading: 'Receiver is given 6 months-term in cargo theft case" my name appeared as counsel for the receiver.

Kindly correct the mistake, as Mr. Rodger and Mr. Young defended him. I appeared for the pawnbroker who had advanced money on the stolen goods. The court exonerated him entirely and ordered the goods to be returned to the owners on payment to my client of the money he had advanced to the receiver.

J. Em. Lemiere.

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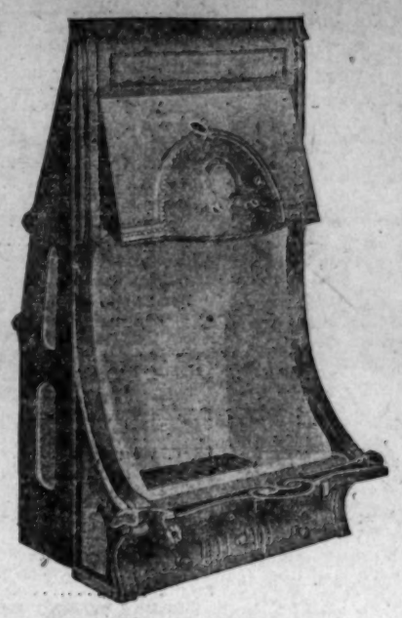

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Christmas Stories By Shanghai Children

The Broken Charm

BY POCETTA SAUNDERS
(Age 16 Years)

In the court of the unfortunate emperor whose empress was Tsze Hsui, there was a certain important office the holders of which were always killed sooner or later, because of the overpowering ambition of the Empress. The nobles holding the other high offices grew more rich and powerful as the years went by, but the man who held this office, after a few months, a year, two years, died mysteriously or was executed publicly on some trumped-up charge. Even before the time of Chang Lee-tsu, who held the office when the empress was in the prime of her beauty and power, it was called "The Office of Death."

On the day when Chang Lee-tsu, then a young man, nominated for this office by a revengeful noble, the palace was ablaze with color. For the sun turned the yellow roofs to gold, and beneath these all man's skill had been expended on the wonderful carvings and hangings, of the rooms, and the gorgeous robes the nobles wore. It was a changing picture, in the court rooms, of long, dark beards, shrewd eyes, beautiful robes and gold-embroidered banners.

Trumpets sounded, and down the marble steps leading to the audience chamber came the lovely ladies of the Empress, moving like great butterflies in their long, brilliantly colored garments. Among them she walked proudly, in robes stiff with embroidery, her long, dark hair bound in great loops with gold threads and jewel-headed pins.

The Emperor turned his head slightly as she slowly crossed the hall between rows of bowing princes and nobles. He was afraid of this beautiful woman who was to ruin him, and better men than he.

After she was seated, the noble who for some private grudge was nominating Chang Lee-tsu for this fatal office, stepped forward and asked it for him. The Empress darted a keen glance at the young man, who, all innocent, was about to step to his doom. Meanwhile, the Emperor, willing to please his servitor, nodded assent.

But the Empress, as she left, in passing Chang Lee-tsu dropped at his feet a small black charm carved to represent the God of Evil. As he stooped to recover it he heard her say, "It is yours: but on the day that you wear it again it will be a sign of defiance, dismissal,—" "and death" he finished quickly, looking up into her stern face.

Five years passed, Tze Hsui found here a man after her own heart. The boy had shown himself a man, cruel, unforgiving, and powerful. And the whole court changed to him from a seeming Paradise to a Hell, where every man was an executioner. While he saw that it was but a horrible tool in the hands of despotic and ambitious woman. But, seeing this, and using his great faculties for evil rather than good, he was able to be almost the center of power and yet to keep from distruction.

Then one day the Empress summoned a small council of the most powerful nobles to her private audience chamber, and told them of a recent insurrection and bade Chang Tsu kill the rebels.

When he arrived at his home he found a messenger waiting for him, to say that the head man of the doomed town desired to speak with him. He glanced at the messenger,—it was very seldom that those whom the Empress had condemned attempted to plead with their executioners.

"I will spare your master the trouble," he said jeeringly, "you may say all that will be said for your defense. Remember that it is foolish to try to move me for we are humble slaves of the Empress, Most Pitiful and Gracious Majesty. Do not try to convert me to your views,—you have proved that they are fatal; or say that the Empress does wrong, you will trouble my conscience."

The man stood quietly looking at Chang Lee-tsu seemingly unconscious of the sneer. Then he began to speak slowly and quietly, without ceremony or affectation, and instead of making any excuses for their revolution, or any pleas for mercy, he immediately began to tell of a great truth that they had learned, and told of Jesus and all that he had done.

Chang Lee-tsu had listened scornfully, but when the man went on and described some of the man Jesus' healings, he began to wonder and believe.

"Tomorrow," said the messenger, "is the day when this great good man was born. This day is called Christmas by other peoples, who call him Jesus Christ. He had no earthly father, but his mother was a virgin, and at his birth angels sang. On this day you may do great good or great evil. You will do the good?"

"Yes! Yes! Oh! what have I been! Can I save you? Oh! how can I save you?"

For a moment the room was quiet, and the whole palace seemed to hold its breath and wait for the answer, and dark clouds gathered above the earth and waited.

"Tonight if there is danger, come and stand upon the top of the rock above the harbor of Wei Chi. We will see you and go—if you do not come we will go at midnight. Farewell! May God be with you!" And the messenger went away.

A few minutes after he had gone, Chang Lee-tsu heard a crash, and dashing out caught a last shimmered on the silent roofs. He ran out after him but the long dark street was empty, and only moon light flooded the street and shimmered on the silent roofs. He raced up the quiet street, on, and on, out of the city, on—on! Many times he nearly sank with exhaustion, but thousands of lives depended on his endurance. On! on!

Then suddenly he saw before him the bay. The waves, lapping against the black hulks, crested with silver, and the forest of tall spars straining skyward. But as he turned to climb the rock a horseman dashed up behind him. His saber wistled through the air —but even as it whirled, his horse reared and fell,—there was a groan, and silence.

The chief officer of the Most Gracious Empress' Court climbed upon the rock and stood, panting. Then as he watched, throngs of men swarmed upon the ships, anchors creaked, oars shot out, and broad sails climbed the masts. He stood still until he saw the junk sails like square shadows flit past the beacon lights of the harbor,—until the swish of the ours died away in the distance.

And then he walked back, slowly, his deed was done. He had given life, not taken it away, and for the first time in his life he thrilled with perfect happiness. He saw around him life, and loved it, and felt, without conceit, that he had learned its lesson, and walked with the God whom he had just glimpsed.

When he reached his home the throng of white-faced servants fell back at the sight of his transfigured face. And then a folded paper was put into his hand.

When he reached the palace a slave led him through long halls and audience-chambers,—away from the lights and music, until they stopped before a tapestry hung door. The slave's lean black arm opened them to him and he stepped into a room of shadows. Through the fretted windows the moonlight poured a pattern of broken silver lights upon the floor, and played through rings and rings of tiny glowing jewels that circled with their luminous colors an unseen head. The curtain fell behind him with a soft swish. In one corner of the room a fountain played, prisoning the moonlight as it rose and fell.

Then a clear voice broke the stillness. "If you will tell me where they have gone—you may live."

"I cannot."

There was a long silence.

"Then go, you may have till morning to repent."

But in the morning Chang Lee-tsu found that the little charm which he took up to wear was broken—as the evil in his heart was broken.

And then through throngs of courtiers uncertain whether to bow or turn away he went up to the Empress. Calm, seated high on her exquisitely carved throne, she watched him come. And the whole court gathered in fascinated silence. Then he told of the truth he had learned—and some believed him—for his face was so changed, —so noble, so happy, so fearless!

But the Empress covered her ears and shricked, "The gods will be revenged!"

And over the court went a sigh. "Throw him into the Demon's Pool!"

No one moved for a moment, and then slaves siezed him while others lifted a square of marble from pavement before the throne.

Below, lying black and still, was the Demon's Pool, where the victims of such murders were thrown. Chang Lee-tsu was not afraid, for in truth he was careless of circumstance about him, and as they threw him in he did not struggle, He was "entertaining an angel" and his fall seemed to shine with the glorious happiness he was beginning to understand.

A Russian's Christmas

BY JANE ROBINSON
(Aged 12)

The streets of Shanghai were cold and frosty, and the sky showed signs of a storm. It was ten minutes past three in the afternoon, as a poor Russian boy looked up at a clock, as he was passing along Broadway; he was thinking of his father and how he had probably been killed by Bolshevics in Russia, while the boy and his mother had escaped with their lives and made their way to Shanghai. Soon his thoughts were changed by a drop of water which trickled off an awning onto his head; presently the drops were coming in torrents, and to keep himself fror getting soaked he stepped into doorways, under awings and as much shelter as he could find.

Soon he came to a shop where all kinds of food were displayed in the window; he was fascinated, and stood there for fifteen minutes gazing hungrily. The shop keeper saw him there and was suspicious of him; a group of Chinese boys passed, whispering and looking at the window; they went behind the store for a brick to throw through the window, which they thought would be great sport.

Meanwhile the boy saw something which attracted his attention and ran across the street. At the same time that he ran, a brick broke the glass of the shop; the shop keeper ran out yelling, "Stop him!" The Russian boy was caught, and thinking it was he that had thrown the brick, was turned over to a Chinese policeman, who took him at once to the police station. The judge happened to be free at that time, and could understand and speak Russian. The storekeeper told his tale, and told it twice. "Did you do it?" said the judge. But the Russian boy was so frightened, he could only shake his head. It all ended by sending for his mother, and she, not having enough to pay for the broken glass, the poor buy was sentenced for ten days in jail.

His was lead into a dark room like a hall, with little cells on either side having barred doors and windows. He was locked into one of these, and being very tired, was soon fast asleep. In the morning when he awakened, he could not remember where he was. He turned and saw faces of sleeping men in the cells near him; then it flashed upon him that he was in jail, and never having been in one before, it seemed very gloomy and terrifying. He groped his way to the iron barred door and shook it frantically in an effort to make his way out. Of course he was unsuccessful, and had to remain in his cell for the full term.

Ten days at last passed, seeming like a month to him. Finally he was led out into the streets of Shanghai again; the light dazzling him. He walked and walked in perfect amazement, at last realising he was out of jail, he was overjoyed, and ran quickly along the streets towards his home. He was running, nat looking where he was going, and bumped into one of his acquaintances. "Do you know" asked this boy, in the Russian language, "that tomorrow is the American peoples' Christmas Day?" "Is it?" the Russian boy replied hurridly, and ran on, anxious to get home.

Upon arriving there, he found his mother awaiting him, to whom he told all his new wonders and talking most about the American peoples' Christmas Day. He slept well that night, and woke early next morning ready to go out and try find work; remembering it was Christmas Day, he was more willing, so he hurried along the street; presently he thought he saw a familiar figure in front of him; he ran closer, his heart, leaped—"Father!" he shouted. Upon hearing these words, the figure turned around, and seeing the boy—"My son!" he cried. They embraced each other, not caring who saw. Whereupon the Russian boy led his newly found father home to his overjoyed mother.

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The B.I. s.s. Torilla left Calcutta on Friday, December 7, and is expected in Shanghai via Rangoon and ports about January 2.

The B.I. s.s. Japan left Calcutta on December 18 and is expected to arrive in Shanghai about January 12.

The I-C. s.s. Hosang arrived in Shanghai from Calcutta yesterday morning, and will sail for the same port via Kobe, Hongkong and ports at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The P. and O. s.s. Sicilia left Bombay for Shanghai via ports at 10 a.m. on December 19.

EUROPEAN LINES

The P. and O. s.s. Morea was due to leave London on Dec. 7, and is expected to arrive in Shanghai about January 16.

The N.D.L. s.s. Schlesien left Medan on December 12 and is due in Shanghai next Monday.

The P. & O. s.s. Karmala was due to leave London yesterday, and arrives in Shanghai about January 30.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Laomedon left Singapore on Tuesday and arrives in Shanghai via Hongkong on December 27.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashgar, from London on November 23, is expected to leave Singapore next Monday at noon, and is expected in Shanghai via Hngkong about January 4.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Telemachus will leave Kobe next Monday, and arrives in Shanghai via Miike on December 31.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Dardanus left Dairen on Wednesday, and is due in Shanghai via Tsingtao tomorrow.

The Glen Line m.v. Glenluce arrived in London from the Orient on December 10.

The P. and O. s.s. Nellore, from Shanghai on November 2, arrived in London at 6 a.m. on December 18.

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia will sail form Shanghai for Moji and Kobe at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

The M.M. s.s. Chambord left Shanghai for Marseilles via ports yesterday morning.

The P. and O. s.s. Kaiser-I-Hind arrived in Shangha from Kobe yesterday morning, and will sail for London on Tuesday evening. The tenders with passengers for the vessel will leave the Customs jetty at 2 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, and heavy baggage should be delivered to the lighter at the Customs jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. Monday.

AMERICAN LINES

The P.M. s.s. President Wilson, from San Franisco, left Honolulu last Monday, and is expected in Shanghai via Yokohama and Kobe on December 30.

The Blue Funnel s.s. Diomed, from New York, will leave Kobe next Thursday, and arrives in Shanghai via Moji on January 1.

The Adl. O. Line s.s. President Grant was due at Yokohama from Seattle yesterday, and is expected to arrive in Shanghai next Tuesday afternoon. The liner is scheduled to sail for Hongkong and Manila on Thursday, December 27, at noon.

The C.P.S. s.s. Empress of Australia will arrive at Woosung from Hongkong at midnight tomorrow night, and sails for Vancouver via Japan ports at 8 o'clock Monday evening. The tender bring inbound passengers from the ship is expected at the Customs jetty about 9:30 a.m. Monday, and the dispatch tender with passengers for Woosung will leave at 4:30 p.m. Heavy baggage should be delivered to the Company's godown before 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The S. and B. s.s. West Carmona is due in Shanghai from San Francisco and Los Angeles on January 5, and sails for Hongkong and Manila the following day.

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The P.M. s.s. President Lincoln is due to leave San Francisco next Thursday, and arrives in Shanghai via Honolulu and Japan pors on January 18.

The C.P.S. s.s. Empress of Russia is due to leave Vancouver next Thursday, and arrives in Shanghai via Japan ports on January 12.

The Adl. O. Line s.s. President Madison, from Seattle on December 16, should arrive at Yokohama next Friday, and os expected in Shanghai via Kobe on January 2.

The Adl. O. Line s.s. President McKinley is due to leave Seattle next Friday, and arrives in Shanghai via Japan ports on January 14.

Passengers Arrived

Per C.N. s.s. Hsin Peking form Ningpo: Mr. Hanly Derry.

Per N.S. s.s. Hsin Ningshao form Ningpo: Mr. F. Muriorpeters.

Per C.N. s.s. Fengtien from Chefoo: Miss Willangaby.

Per C.M. s.s. Kianghsin from Hankow and ports: Mr. and Mrs. Duff, Capt. and Mrs. Dollar, Miss Dickson, Messrs. Spark, Locke, R. Shoi.

Sailed from Shanghai

FOR SAN FRANCISCO

President Lincoln	Nov. 24
Shinyo Maru	Nov. 24
Shaboree	Nov. 27
Levant Arrow	Nov. 27
Siberia Maru	Dec. 1
President Taft	Dec. 15
Taiyo Maru	Dec. 18

FOR VANCOUVER

Empress of Russia	Dec. 2

FOR SEATTLE

President Madison	Nov. 21
Alabama Maru	Nov. 25
Hoyeisan Maru	Dec. 9
West Cadron	Dec. 12
President Jackson	Dec. 15
Arabia Maru	Dec. 19
West Ison	Dec. 20

FOR PORTLAND ORE.

West Jessup	Nov. 27
Tjibesar	Nov. 28
Pawlet	Nov. 29
West Nomentum	Dec. 11
West O'Rowa	Dec. 18
West Kader	Dec. 21

FOR GRAYS HARBOR, U.S.A.

Tenbergen	Nov. 28

FOR CEBU

Ribera	Dec. 9

FOR NEW YORK

Eastern Prince	Nov. 25
City of Corinth	Nov. 30
Takaoka Maru	Dec. 6
City of Athens	Dec. 10
M. S. Dollar	Dec. 18
Calchas	Dec. 20

FOR UNITED KINGDOM

Nyanza	Nov. 21
Kalyan	Nov. 27
Machaon	Nov. 28
Katori Maru	Dec. 1
City of Karachi	Dec. 1
Glenamoy	Dec. 2
Oanfa	Dec. 3
Sarpedon	Dec. 4
Glengarry	Dec. 8
Devanha	Dec. 11
Helenus	Dec. 12
Atsuta Maru	Dec. 15
City of Tokio	Dec. 16
Autolycus	Dec. 19

FOR HAMBURG

Adolf von Baeyer	Dec. 1
Ermland	Dec. 2
Amur Maru	Dec. 9

FOR COPENHAGEN

Afrika	Dec. 11

FOR BARCELONA

C. Lopez Y. Lopez	Dec. 7

FOR MARSEILLES

Porthos	Nov. 21
Angkor	Dec. 7
Chambord	Dec. 21

FOR TRIESTE

Fiume L.	Nov. 30

FOR INDIA

Takada	Dec. 8
Soudan	Dec. 9

Steamers Arrived

December 20

Taga Maru from River ports

December 21

Hsin Peking from Ningpo
Hsin Ningshao form Ningpo
Sakaki Maru from Dairen
Fengtien from Tientsin
Great City from Hongkong
Glenapp from Vladivostok
Hosang from Calcutta
Takeshima Maru from Japan
Haruna Maru from Japan
Elkton from New York
Seikyo Maru from Formosa
Holstein from Tsingtao
Kaiser-I-Hind from Kobe
Alps Maru from Europe
Hainchi from Foochow
Pingwo from Hankow
Wenchow from Hankow
Kiangteen from Hankow
Nanyang Maru from Hankow
Chungking for Wuhu
Yatshing from Hongkong
Kingsing from Tientsin
Chuentiao from chuise
Likin from cruise
Yunghsing from Newchwang

Steamers Departed

December 21

Kiangan for Hankow
Tatung for Hankow
Kutwo for Hankow
Waishing for Hankow
Talee Maru for Hankow
Taisang for S. H. Canton
Ningshin for Foochow
Nagasaki Maru for Japan
Taksang for C. Tientsin
Kungping for .....
Chambord for Marseilles
Yushung for .....
Fuling for Native Customs
Haitien for Tsingtao
West Kader for Portland
Yekishin Maru for Tsingtao
Hsin Peking for Ningpo
Hsin Ningsnao for Ningpo

Vessels Due

Andre Lebon, *Marseilles*	Dec. 23
Benclench, *Portland*	Dec. 23
Benmadhui, *London*	Dec. 27
Chohei Maru, *Dairen*	Dec. 24
Dardanus, *Dairen*	Dec. 23
Durban Maru, *Europe*	Dec. 24
E. of Australia, *Hongkong*	Dec. 24
Formosa, *Copenhagen*	Dec. 24
Grace Dollar, *Portland*	Dec. 28
Gaelic Prince *New York*	Dec. 25
Hsinchang, *Tientsin*	Dec. 23
Hsin Kiangteen, *Ningpo*	Dec. 22
Hsin Ningshao *Ningpo*	Dec. 23
Hsin Peking, *Ningpo*	Dec. 23
Klalee, *Chinwangtao*	Dec. 23
Kiangan, *Hankow*	Dec. 29
Kiangyung, *Hankow*	Dec. 28
Kashima Maru, *Kobe*	Dec. 27
Klangyu, *Hankow*	Dec. 27
Kaga Maru, *Seattle*	Dec. 24
Klangfoo, *Hankow*	Dec. 24
Kimano Maru *Osaka*	Dec. 23
Kungwo, *Hankow*	Dec. 23
Klangwah, *Hankow*	Dec. 25
Klangshun, *Hankow*	Dec. 27
Kifuku Maru *Yokohama*	Dec. 22
Kutwo, *Hankow*	Dec. 29
Kwongsang, *Hongkong*	Dec. 23
Kwangtah, *Hankow*	Dec. 22
Laomedon, *Liverpool*	Dec. 27
Liangchow, *Hongkong*	Dec. 27
Luenyi, *Hankow*	Dec. 24
Luenho, *Hankow*	Dec. 22
Malacca Maru, *Europe*	Dec. 22
Niigata Maru, *Yokohama*	Dec. 24
Nagasaki Maru, *Nagasaki*	Dec. 27
Oldekerk, *Batavia*	Dec. 26
Omi Maru, *Osaka*	Dec. 26
Poyang, *Hankow*	Dec. 22
Pres. Grant, *Seattle*	Dec. 25
Pres. Cleveland, *Hongkong*	Dec. 26
Pres. Jefferson, *Hongkong*	Dec. 26
Rokko Maru, *Yokohama*	Dec. 26
Sakaki Maru, *Dairen*	Dec. 29
Saikio Maru, *Dairen*	Dec. 27
Schlesien, *Hamburg*	Dec. 24
Shuntien, *Tientsin*	Dec. 23
Soochow, *Hongkong*	Dec. 24
Sunning, *Hongkong*	Dec. 23
Shanghai Maru *Nagasaki*	Dec. 24
Sinkiang, *Hongkong*	Dec. 26
Suiwo, *Hankow*	Dec. 26
Suiyang, *Tsingtao*	Dec. 27
Szechuen, *Hongkong*	Dec. 29
Tungshing, *Tientsin*	Dec. 24
Tuckwo, *Hankow*	Dec. 27
Tungting, *Hankow*	Dec. 27
Tamba Maru, *Kobe*	Dec. 23
Tenyo Maru, *S. Francisco*	Dec. 26
Tjikarang, *Batavia*	Dec. 22
Tungchow, *Tientsin*	Dec. 26
Wingsang, *Hongkong*	Dec. 28
Woosung, *Hankow*	Dec. 28
Wuchang, *Hankow*	Dec. 23
Whangpu, *Hankow*	Dec. 26
Wosang, *Hongkong*	Dec. 26
Yusang, *Tsingtao*	Dec. 24
Yungshin *Ningpo*	Dec. 22
Zosma, *Vladivostok*	Dec. 28

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	Leave Shanghai	Arrive Vancouver		Leave Shanghai	Arrive Vancouver
E/Australia	Dec. 24	Jan. 9	E/Canada	July 21	Aug. 4
E/Asia	Jan. 12	Jan. 28	E/Russia	Aug. 2	Aug. 18
E/Russia	Feb. 9	Feb. 25	E/Australia	Aug. 18	Sept. 3
E/Australia	Feb. 25	Mar. 12	E/Asia	Aug. 30	Sept. 15
E/Asia	Mar. 15	Mar. 31	E/Canada	Sept. 15	Sept. 29
E/Russia	Apr. 5	Apr. 21	E/Russia	Sept. 27	Oct. 13
E/Australia	Apr. 21	May 7	E/Australia	Oct. 13	Oct. 29
E/Asia	May 10	May 26	E/Asia	Oct. 25	Nov. 10
E/Russia	May 31	June 16	E/Canada	Nov. 10	Nov. 24
E/Australia	June 16	July 2	E/Russia	Nov. 22	Dec. 8
E/Asia	July 5	July 21	E/Australia	Dec. 8	Dec. 24

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S.S. President Taft	Feb. 16

FOR HONGKONG and MANILA

S.S. President Wilson	Dec. 31
S.S. President Lincoln	Jan. 20
S.S. West Holbrook	Jan. 23
S.S. President Taft	Feb. 1
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Kumano Maru .....Dec. 26
†Nagasaki Maru .....Dec. 28
Omi Maru .....Dec. 29
Nikko Maru ..... Jan. 2

FOR BOMBAY via HONGKONG.
Tamba Maru .....Dec. 24

FOR SEATTLE VIA VICTORIA B. C.
Kaga Maru .....Jan. 12
Iyo Maru .....Feb. 1

FOR SOUTH AMERICA VIA Cape From Kobe.
Kawachi Maru .....Dec. 23

FOR EUROPE
Kashima Maru .....Dec. 29
*Tsuruga Maru .....Jan. 7
Hakone Maru..... Jan. 12
Suwa Maru .....Jan. 26
Fushimi Maru .....Feb. 9

FOR AUSTRALIA, from Hongkong.
Yoshno Maru .....Dec. 16

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S.S. "KOHOKU MARU" ..... Dec. 25
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AMBOISE	30th Nov.	20th Jan., 1924	1st Feb.,
CORDILLERE	14th Dec.	3rd Feb., 1924	15th Feb.,
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The China Press Mail Schedule

TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE

DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER	DUE AT	DATE
Dec. 24	2.30 p.m.	E. of Australia	Vancouver	Jan. 9
Dec. 26	9 p.m.	P. Jefferson	Seattle	Jan. 12
Dec. 26	9 p.m.	P. Cleveland	S. Francisco	Jan. 15

TO SOUTHERN PORTS, INDIA AND EUROPE VIA SUEZ

DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER	DUE AT	DATE
Dec. 25	3 p.m.	Kaiser-I-Hind	Marseilles	Jan. 26
Dec. 25	9 p.m.	Dardanus	Marseilles	

TO NORTHERN PORTS

TO	DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER
Vladivostok	Daily	9 p.m.	via Harbin
Siberia	Daily	9 p.m.	via Chita
Tsingtao & Dalny	Today	8.30 a.m.	Sakaki Maru
Tsingtao	Today	10 a.m.	Suiyang
Tientsin	Today	9 p.m.	Kwangping
W'wei, C'foo, T'tsin	Dec. 23	9 a.m.	Chengtu
W'wei, C'foo, T'tsin	Dec. 23	8 a.m.	Kingsing
Dalny	Dec. 23	9 a.m.	Hunan
Tsingtao & Dalny	Dec. 24	8.30 a.m.	Seikyo Maru
W'wei, C'foo, T'tsin	Dec. 25	1 p.m.	Shuntien
Chefoo and Dalny	Dec. 28	12 noon	Kwangse

TO SOUTHERN PORTS

TO	DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER
Swatow	Today	9 p.m.	Fausang
Foochow	Today	9 p.m.	Hsinchi
Amoy	Dec. 23	9 a.m.	Chungking
Swatow	Dec. 23	9 a.m.	Kashing
Hongkong & Canton	Dec. 23	9 a.m.	Fengtien
Swatow	Dec. 28	9 a.m.	Luchow
Hongkong & Canton	Dec. 24	9 p.m.	Kwangtah
Hongkong & Canton	Dec. 25	3 p.m.	Kaiser-I-Hind
Swatow	Dec. 25	10 a.m.	Sunning
Hongkong & Canton	Dec. 27	10 a.m.	P. Grant

MISCELLANOUS PORTS

TO	DATE	CLOSING	STEAMER
Russia and Europe	Daily	9 p.m.	via Train
River ports	Daily	9 p.m.	via Train
Japan ports	Today	7.30 a.m.	Yamashiro M.
Germany via ports	Dec. 24	8 p.m.	Holstein
Japan ports	Dec. 24	8 p.m.	Shanghai M.
Manila, Australia & N. Zealand	Dec. 27	10 a.m.	P. Grant

Men-Of-War In Port

Section	Date	Name	Flag and Rating
1 C	Nov. 8	Algol	Fr. Sloop
BNB	Dec. 14	Durban	Br. Cruiser
FNB	Dec. 29	D. de Lagree	Fr. Gunboat
McW	Nov. 30	Foxglove	Br. Gunboat
EEW	Nov. 7	Fushima	Jap. Gun-boat'
McW.	Dec. 10	Gnat	Br. Gunboat
McW	Mar. 28	Mantis	Br. Gun-boat
8 P	Nov. 30	Penguin	Am. Gun-boat
8 P	Nov. 30	Pigeon	Am. Gun-boat
YTPDW	Nov. 30	Seta	Jap. Gun-boat
YTPDW	Nov. 26	Sumida	Jap. Gun-boat
1 C	Nov. 20	Seb. Carboto	Ital. Gun-boat
EEW	Nov. 21	Toba	Jap. Gun-boat
JNB	Dec. 19	Tsushima	Jap. Cruiser
YTPD		Woodlark	Br. Gun-boat

Meteorological Report

December 22, 1923.
Sun rises today at 6.52
Sun sets today at 16.59

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(inches)	Dec. 14 16 h.	21 h.	Dec. 15 4 h.	9 h.
Barometer	30.41	30.42	30.39	30.46
(variation for 24 hours	−0.06	−0.11	−0.13	−0.06
at 32° F. (variation for 12 hours	−0.11	−0.10	−0.02	+0.04
Wind—Direction	NNE	NNE	NNW	NNW
Wind—Miles per hour	9.9	6.2	8.7	9.9
Temperature (Fahr.)	44°1	41°9	38°5	3685
Humidity %	53	71	89	93
Nebulosity (0-10)	10	10	10	10
Rainfall, inches	—	—	0.02	0.03

Hicawei Abridged Report December 14		Mean 1923.	24 hrs. variation.	Previous average (50 yrs.) same period.
Temperature	(Min. 33°1)	30.47	0.00	30.32
Temperature (Fahr.)	(Min. 36°5) (Max. 47°0)	41°7	−2°4	44°2
Rainfall since January 1 (ending midnight)		39.96	0.00	44.87

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Dec. 24 4.30 Vancouver	†E. of Australia	Br. C.P.S.
Dec. 26 — Vancouver	C. Freighter	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 27 — Seattle	†P. Jefferson	AM. Adl. O. Line
Dec. 27 — San Francisco	†P. Cleveland	Am. P.M.S.S. Co
Dec. 29 — New York via Suez	Colorado	Br. Furness
Dec. 30 — New York via Suez	Gaelic Prince	Br. Furness
Jan. 7 — New York	Havre Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Jan. 8 — Seattle	†P. Grant	AM. Adl. O. Line
Jan. 9 — Portland, Ore.	Elkridge	Am. Lumber Co.
Jan. 10 — New York via Suez	Peleus	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 10 — San Francisco	Stanley Dollar	Br. Dollar Co.
Jan. 11 — Portland, Ore.	Hannawa	Am. Lumber Co
Jan. 11 — Portland, Ore.	Wawalona	Am. Lumber Co.
Jan. 12 — Vancouver	†E. of Asia	Br. C. P. S.
Jan. 12 — Seattle	Kaga Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Jan. 12 — New York via Suez	Robert Dollar	Am. Dollar Co.
Jan. 13 — San Francisco	Tenyo M.	Jap. T.K.K.
Jan. 14 — Tacoma	Manila Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Jan. 14 — San Francisco	†P. Wilson	Am. P.M.S.S. Co
Jan. 15 — New York via Suez	Kendal Castle	Br. Dod. & Co.
Jan. 17 — New York	Tatsuno Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Jan. 20 — Seattle	†P. Madison	AM. Adl. O. Line
Jan. 25 — San Francisco	Korea Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
Feb. 1 — Seattle	†P. McKinley	Am. Adl. O. Line
Feb. 1 — New York via Suez	P. Harrison	Am. Dollar Co.
Feb. 1 — Seattle	Iyo Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Feb. 2 — Tacoma	Alabama Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Feb. 4 — San Francisco	†P. Lincoln	Am. P.M.S.S. Co.
Feb. 8 — San Francisco	†Shinyo Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
Feb. 9 — Vancouver	†E. of Russia	Br. C.P.S.
Feb. 12 — San Francisco	†W. Holbrook	Am. P.M.S.S. Co.
Feb. 13 — Seattle	P. Jackson	Am. Adl. O. Line
Feb. 16 — San Francisco	†P. Taft	Am. P.M.S.S. Co
Feb. 20 — New York via Suez	P. Hays	Am. Dollar Co.
Mar. 29 — San Francisco	†P. Pierce	Am. P.M.S.S. Co

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Dec. 22 1.00 Kobe	Hosang	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 22 — Moji, Kobe, Osaka	Yamashiro M.	Jap. N.Y.K.
Dec. 22 8.30 *Moji, oKbe, Osaka	Macedonia	Br. M. M. & Co.
Dec. 24 — Kobe	Alps Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Dec. 25 — Nagasaki	Shanghai M.	Jap. N.Y.K.
Dec. 26 — Moji, Kobe, Osaka	Kumano Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Dec. 28 — Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	Jap. N.Y.K.
Dec. 29 — Moji, Kobe, Osaka	Omi Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Jan. 2 — Moji, Kobe, Osaka	Nikko Maru	Jap. N. Y. K.

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Dec. 24 — Singapore	W. Faralon	Am. S. & B.
Dec. 24 — Bombay	Tamba Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Dec. 25 5.00 London	†Kaiser-I-Hind	Br. M.M. & Co.
Dec. 25 — Hamburg, etc.	Holstein	Ger. Mel. & Co.
Dec. 25 — London	Glenapp	Br. G.L.E.A.
Dec. 26 — Hamburg, etc.	Dardanus	Br. B.& S.
Dec. 29 — Hamburg, etc.	†Kashima M	Jap. N. Y. K.
Dec. 29 — Hamburg, etc.	C. of Paris	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 29 — Rotterdam	Zosma	Dut. H. C. T. Co
Jan. 2 — Liverpool	Diomed	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 2 — Hamburg, etc.	Pruessen	Ger. H. A. Line
Jan. 3 — Hamburg	Hindenburg	Ger. H.S. Line
Jan. 3 — London	Patroclus	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 4 — Marseilles	†Paul Lecat	Fr M. M. Cie
Jan. 7 — Hamburg, etc.	Menelaus	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 7 — Hamburg, etc.	Tsuruga Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Jan. 8 — London	†Khiva	Fr. M. M. Cie
Jan. 10 — Hamburg, etc.	Sandon Hall	Br. J. M. & Co.
Jan. 10 — Scandinavia	Malaya	Dan. E. A. Co.
Jan. 12 — London	†Hakone Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Jan. 13 — Liverpool	Titan	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 15 — Bombay	Sicilia	Br. M. M. & Co.
Jan. 16 — Hamburg, etc.	Glentara	Br. G. L. E. A.
Jan. 16 — Singapore	W. Montop	Am. S. & B.
Jan. 17 — Antwerp, etc.	Laomedon	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 18 — Marseilles	†A. Lebon	Fr. M. M. Cie
Jan. 19 — Scandinavia	Annam	Dan. E. A. Co
Jan. 19 — Hamburg	Schiesien	Ger. Mel. Co.
Jan. 23 — London	†Macedonia	Br. M.M. & Co.
Jan. 23 — Hamburg	Emil Kirdorf	Ger. H.S. Line
Jan. 25 — Rotterdam, etc.	Olderkerk	Dut. H.C.T. Co.
Jan. 26 — London	†Suwa Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Jan. 27 — Liverpool	Kt. Companion	Br. B. & S.
Jan. 31 — London	Mentor	Br. B. & S.
Feb. 1 — Marseilles	†Amboise	Fr. M.M. Cie
Feb. 2 — Antwerp, etc.	Alps Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Feb. 5 — London	†Kashgar	Br. M.M. & Co.
Feb. 9 — London	†Fushimi Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Feb. 15 — Marseilles	†Cordillere	Fr. M. M. Cie
Feb. 19 — London	†Morea	Br. M.M. & Co.
Feb. 21 — Hamburg, etc.	Glenbeg	Br. G.L.E.A.
Feb. 29. — Marseilles	†Angers	Fr. M.M. Cie
Mar. 4 — London	†Karmala	Br. M.M. & Co.
Mar. 14 — Marseilles	†Chili	Fr. M. M. Cie
Mar. 18 — London	†Naldera	Br. M. M. & Co.
Apr. 1 — London	†Khyber	Br. M.M. & Co.
Apr. 15 — London	†China	Br. M. M. & Co.

FOR AUSTRALIA FROM HONGKONG

Jan. 8 — Melbourne, etc.	†Arafura	Br. M.M. & Co.
Jan. 16 — Melbourne, etc.	Yoshino Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Feb. 2 — Melboure, etc.	†St. Albans	Br. M.M. & Co.
Feb. 27 Melbourne, etc.	†Eastern	Br. M. M. & Co.

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Dec. 22 5.00 Ningpo	Hsin Kiangtsen	Am. S. & B.
Dec. 22 5.00 Ningpo	Yungshin	Chi. N. S. S. N.
Dec. 23 11.00 *S. H'kong, C'ton	Luchow	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 23 11.00 *S. H'kong, C'ton	Kashing	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 23 11.00 *H'kong, C'ton	Fengtien	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 23 D.L. S. H'kong, C'ton	Fausang	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 23 — Foochow	Hsinchi	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Dec. 23 11.00 *A H'kong, C'ton	Chungking	Br. B.& S.
Dec. 24 5.00 Ningpo	Hsin Peking	Br. C.P.S.
Dec. 24 5.00 Ningpo	Hsin Ningshao	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 24 — Hongkong, Manila	W. Faralon	Am. S. & B.
Dec. 25 D.L. S. H'kong, C'ton	Yusang	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 25 — Keelung, etc.	Kohoku M.	Jap. O.S.K.
Dec. 25 — Hongkong	Kaga Maru	Jap. N.Y.K.
Dec. 25 noon S. H'kong, C'ton	Sunning	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 25 noon S. H'kong, C'ton	Newchwang	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 25 — Hongkong, Canton	Kwangtah	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co
Dec. 26 — Hongkong, Manila	Tenyo Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
Dec. 27 noon — Hongkong, Manila	P. Grant	AM. Adl. O. Line
Dec. 28 2.00 A. H'kong, C'ton	Soochow	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 31 — Hongkong, Manila	P. Wilson	Am. P.M.S.S Co.
Jan. 3 — Hongkong	Manila Maru	Jap. O.S.K.
Jan. 4 — Hongkong, Manila	P. Madison	Am. Adl. O. Line
Jan. 5 — Hongkong, Manila	Korea Maru	Jap. T.K.K.
Jan. 6 — Hongkong, Manila	W. Carmona	Am. S. & B.
Jan. 7 — Hongkong, Manila	Hannawa	Am. Lumber Co.
Jan. 12 — Hongkong	W. of Russia	Br. C.P.S.
Jan. 16 — Hongkong, Manila	F. McKinley	AM. Adl. O. Line
Jan. 20 — Hongkong, Manila	P. Lincoln	Am. P.M.S.S. Co.
Jan. 21 — Hongkong, Manila	Shinyo M.	Jap. T. K. K.
Jan. 32 — Hongkong, Manila	W. Holbrook	Am. P.M.S.S Co
Jan. 28 — Hongkong, Manila	P. Jackson	AM. Adl. O. Line

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Dec. 22 11.00 *Tsingtao, Dairen	Sakaki M.	Jap. D. K. K.
Dec. 22 noon Tsingtao	Suiyang	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 22 — Chinwangtao	Kaiping	Br. K. M. A.
Dec. 23 11.00 *W. C'foo, T'tsin	Chengtu	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 23 — Tientsin	Kwangping	Br. K.M.A.
Dec. 23 11.00 *Dairen	Hunan	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 24 — Dairen, etc.	Seikyo Maru	Jap. O. S. K.
Dec. 25 3.00 Tsingtao, Dairen	Chohei Maru	Jap. D.K.K.
Dec. 25 D.L. Dairen, Vladivostok	Proteus	Rus. S.H. & Co.
Dec. 25 3.00 W. C'foo, T'tsin	Shuntien	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 26 D.L. Tsingtao	Kwongsang	Br. J. M. & Co
Dec. 28 2.00 Chefoo, Dairen	Kwangse	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 28 2.00 Tsingtao, Dairen	Saikio Maru	Jap. D.K.K.

FOR RIVER PORTS

Dec. 21 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Changon	Chi. S.P.S.N. Co.
Dec. 22 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Pingwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 22 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Wenchow	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 23 D.L. Pukow	Yatshing	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 23 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Kiangteen	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Dec. 24 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Kiangshua	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Dec. 24 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Luenho	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 24 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Poyang	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 25 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Kungwo	Br. J.M. & Co.
Dec. 25 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Wuchang	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 25 noon Pukow	Yingchow	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 26 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Kiangtoo	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Dec. 26 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Luenyi	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 26 noon Wuhu	Ningpo	Am. S. & B.
Dec. 27 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Kiangwah	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Dec. 27 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Suiwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 27 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Whangpo	Br. B. & S.
Dec. 28 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Kiangyu	Chi. C.M.S.N. Co.
Dec. 28 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Tuckwo	Br. J. M. & Co.
Dec. 28 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Tungting	Br. B & S.
Dec. 29 M.N. Hankow, etc.	Woosung	Br. B & S.

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AUCTIONS

SUMMARY OF AUCTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m. In front Salesroom, Furniture and Sundries.
at 10.30 a.m. No. 7 Ward Road. 1 "Daimler" Motor Lorry
at 2:30 p.m., in Upper Salesroom, Rare Postage Stamps.
at 2:30 p.m., at 60 Chaoufung Road, Cows, Dogs, Horse and Goats.

Monday, December 24, 1923. at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.
In Middle salesroom Furniture and Sundries Clothing

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No. 7 Ward Road.
for account of the concerned
at 10.30 a.m. On Saturday, December 22, 1923.

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On Saturday, December 22, 1923
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Excellent Household Furniture, Xmas Toys, Sporting Guns, Motor Car and Sundries

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also
A Large quantity of Dolls and Toys, Wireless Receiving Set with 2 vacuum tubes, made by Father Juie of Frances Xavier Academy Shanghai, Telephone head set 6 Volts 60 Ampere hour Battery, New Tientsin Carpets, New Gramophones, Underwood and Remington Typwriters, New Stoewer Typewriters, Fine toned Upright Piano by Moutric, Silver Dressing Set, New" Golden Sun" Heating stoves, New Best make German Binoculars, Kodak camera, 12-bore double barrel Hammerless Gun by Jeffery, 12 bore Hammeless Gun by Ithaca,
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1 "Berliet" Limousine 4 Cylinder Motor Car in good order Trial run by arrangement. Owner going home.
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Monday, the 24th December 1923
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Europe's Buying Practices As Affected By The War

American Exporters Have Best Results When They Aim At High Quality And Cater To Specific Demand

BY JULIUS KLEIN
(Director of U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

We are living in one of the great transition eras of human history. New forces of thought and feeling have swept over the world. It is difficult, in this period of flux, to comprehend and appraise just what changes have been wrought in the old order, whether political, social, or economic.

It is easier, I think, to grasp the significance of the political than of the economic changes. The swift dissolution of the old Austro-Hungarian empire was a spectacular event that impressed the imagination, but how many of us are able to trace the complex changes in international commerce brought about by the break-up of this old Hapsburg monarchy? We know that since the war Austria has been buying sugar and wheat in overseas markets 5000 miles away, whereas she formerly had only to reach out and utilize Bohemian sugar and Hungarian flour produced within the boundaries of the empire. We know, too, that streams of commerce which for 1000 years flowed west through Hungary from Transylvania have been diverted east into Rumania through the dismemberment of the old kingdom of Hungary.

International "spite fence" have been erected, with the creation of new frontiers, and the natural interchange of goods has been artificially arrested. Germany through the shifts and expedients necessitated by the war, has been "thrown out of gear" in her international commercial relationship and will not speedily return to her former positions either as a customer or as a trade competitor. One illustration will suffice where a hundred are afforded. Before the war German margarine was an animal product drawing its base raw material from beef fats furnished by American packers. When the nation was cut off from supplies by the war, oils from seeds were used as a substitute for animal fats. The Germans have come to the point where they can transform soyabean and coconut oil into fatty solids that are readily accepted as animal fats. Thus the United States has lost this market for Leef fats and we encounter formidable competition from these German vegetable fats when we try to sell our lard in Central Europe.

These changes are taking place in international trade and naturally affect the position of the New England exporter. New England produces at least 60 percent of our cotton piece goods and about 70 percent of our woolens. More than 40 percent of the footwear made in the United States is produced in New England. The section is feeling the pinch of contracted markets, but still is much better than are some of its European competitors. In the cotton textile trade, for example, the British mills using American raw cotton are running on half time or less, and it is doubtful whether more than 25 percent of the spinners are doing better than breaking even financially. The mills of Germany, Poland, and Italy are not doing much better.

Seventy percent of capacity would about represent what all Europe is doing in the cotton industry. The trouble is not so much high-priced raw cotton as the general feeling of uncertainty about the future. The period of extravagant living that succeeded the war has given place to an era of self-acknowleged impoverishment and frugality. Consumption of many major commodities in Europe is certain to be below normal for some years but the situation will improve as political difficulties are resolved and the currencies of Central Europe find some solid foundation after sinking steadily deeper into the morass. Some gleam of encouragement may be derived from the fact that stocks of cotton manufactured goods are low beyond precedent throughout the world and that one may, therefore, reasonably look for a rebound in demand.

New England, like over-industrialized old England, today is greatly dependent upon markets abroad. The days when New England supplied most of the shoes that were worn in the Western States and most of the cotton shirts worn in the Southern states have passed and will not return. But the fortunate thing is that New England, potentially, has the entire world as a market.

So long as foreign trade meant nothing more than an expedient for disposing of surplus goods that the home market could not for the moment absorb we could not make permanent headway in our external commercial relations. It were vain to expect an Italian woman to be interested in shoes made for American women's feet. The Italian woman has ideas of her own as to footwear. It is a satisfaction to know that some of our New England shoe manufacturers now are specializing for particular markets abroad and that they are building up a good permanent business in these countries.

Aiming at quality rather than cheapness in manufacturing for the export trade is a strong point for Americans. In general, our manufacturing competitors such as Germany can outdo us in mere cheapness of production with certain notable exceptions, such as in automobiles turned out under the economies of huge mass production. Our advantage lies in quality. Our typewriters, watches, office supplies, adding machines and safety razors sell, the world over, because in quality they are above competition.

SELLING SHOES TO ITALY

I have just referred to shoes demanded by Italian taste. We have catered to this taste, turning out honest, serviceable shoes; and it happens that the term "scarpa Americana" (American shoe) means in Italy today a high quality, standard shoe, whether made in the United States or not. Surely that is a fine unconscious tribute to American shoe people who have done business in Italy. What is true of Italy is true of all the Mediterranean countries. They will buy our shoes at a premium when we cater to their special needs and put conscience into what we send them.

New England capital had a mighty influence in developing our western country. Today the West is producing shoes and the South cotton goods on their own account, but other fields are beckoning to New England capital and enterprise beyond the sea. The prosperity of New England was laid in trade in the era of the clipper ships. Investment and foreign trade permanence are complementary. It is interesting to note that Boston is the only city in the Union outside of New York that has a bank with a foreign branch. Other important Boston banks do an immense foreign business through correspondents abroad and are rendering an important service in building up foreign trade.

European nations drawn into the war have emerged from it with impaired currencies. Such people can no longer do forward buying on a large scale. They lack money and, above all, lack confidence in the future. Importers who were carrying heavy stocks just after the close of the war have liquidated on a falling market and have been whip-sawed by declining currencies at the same time. They have become intimidated and are no longer disposed to buy on a volume basis. They must do business in a hand-to-mouth manner for some years to come.

FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS

We must be prepared to finance our goods closer up to door of the consumer. Business must be "over the counter," in small lots, for cash. It is mistake to believe that the impoverished Europeans are asking for credits. The British are certainly not asking for credits, nor is the German importer. A 60-day or 90-day credit would reduce the business of a German importer to a wild speculation against the fall of the mark. Selling closer up to the European customer—that is, financing the goods up to his door—means, in the last analysis, knowledge of the customer and the setting up of machinery abroad for rating credits.

Abandonment of foreign contracts at the first shift of the local business barometer to "fair and warmer"—the ill-advsed and unethical action of a very small, unscrupulous group of exporters—has served to blacken the record of all American traders in some important markets and has resulted in more far-reaching and disastrous consequences than the offenders ever imagined. Treating the foreign customer on the same plane as the domestic buyer, showing him the same consideration, contributes to the strengthening of that most precious of all business assets, "good will."

HONOR JAPANESE

(Reuter's Service)

London, Dec. 20.—The Council of the Royal Meteorological Society of Great Britain has awarded the Symons Gold Medal for 1924 to Dr. Takematsu Okada, Director of the Central Meteorological Observatory at Tokio.

Wears Baby Shoes Now 150 Years Old

This pair of baby shoes, 150 years old, actually worn by five generations of children and still in good shape, is in the possession of Mrs. Charles N. Beckwith, of Washington. They were originally bought in Greenock, Scotland, in 1770, by Mrs. Beckwith's great-great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth King. Mrs. Beckwith's daughter is now ten years old, so a neighbor's baby had to be borrowed to demonstrate the ancient footgear.

LAO YANG-JEN'S BANDIT HORDE LEAVES YUNSI

Fail To Capture Yunyang After Three Day Seige

(Independent News Service)

Laohokow, Dec. 10.—Lao Yang-jen and his bandit forces having besieged Yunyang for three days, and spending a lot of ammunition as well as a considerable number of his men, had at last to leave it alone.

Since that they have, until a couple of days ago, infested Yunsi and the districts round about to a distance of up to more than three hundred li to the west of that city. All that time the people of Yunyang have been living in a constant fear of their return, and, of course, have been shaken up every now and then by false rumours that they were really coming.

The soldiers at Yunyang, numbering now only round about 1500 men, did not dare to pursue the robbers, because there were too many mountain passes by which they might return to take the city if it was left unguarded.

Now, however, the Honan soldiers by coming over from Sichwan and Kingtzkwan, have taken care of most of these passes so that the Yunyang soldiers could also feel safe in taking part in the pursuit. The result of this joint action is that the robbers have now been driven out of Yunsi toward the north and west. They have left Yunsi in a pitiful state.

Soochow Notes

(China Press Correspondence)

Soochow, Dec. 20.—The wilkinson Hospital will be officially opened tomorrow. This building has been in use for more than a year and owing to the fact that it had not been completely furnished the opening was delayed. Old students of Dr. Wilkinson are directing the opening.

All of the Chinese Churches are having Christmas programs and most are characterised by the original ideas from the Chinese.

Physical work under the direction of the local Y. M. C. A. has been rejuvenated by a visit of Dr. Gray of the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. This fall a Senior Basket Ball league has been carried out, and a Football League is in the process of being played through.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Throop were happy to welcome a new son, Glenn Emerson, on December 13.

Dr. Williard Lyon of the National Committee of the Y. M. C. A. was in the city in the interest of the movement last week end.

RUSSIAN BUTTER

(Rosta News Agency)

Moscow, Dec. 15.—120,000 poods of Russian butter were exported to England during this year. Next year it is proposed to export 450,000 poods.

CHARGE FUKIEN OFFICIALS FORCE POPPY GROWTH

Arrest Farmers For Planting Grain At Hinghua

(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Peking, Dec. 18.—The International Anti-Opium Association have received the following communications relative to the compulsory cultivation of opium in Fukien:

From the Sien Yiu District Association under date of December 6: Compulsory opium cultivation and taxation are exercised under official force in our district. Funds collected from taxation have amounted to over $1,500,000. The people here are living in miserable conditions but the authorities have no consideration for their sufferings. Herewith we forward you the original copy of the compulsory opium cultivation order issued by the local authorities. It is our sincere hope that a strong protest will be lodged with the Government, and an immediate telegram sent to stop them, also that a delegate be despatched to make an investigation in order to eradicate opium evils and relieve the sufferings of the people.

Telegram from Hinghua: December 6: Yesterday the officials in person strongly urged the people to plant opium. People have been arrested for planting grain. Ask the Consuls strongly to urge immediate action against the plantation of opium. Delay is serious.

ARMED ROBBERS MAKE ANOTHER DAYLIGHT RAID

Another daylight armed robbery occurred in the Settlement yesterday, when five men held up a shop at 290 Paoting Road, in the Wayside district.

The men, three of them armed with revolvers, entered the place shortly after 10 a.m. and escaped with $265 in money and property. No shots were fired. The quintet spoke the Ningpo dialect.

League To Help Revive Hungary

(Reuter's Service)

Paris, Dec. 20.—It is hoped that Hungary will be restored after the example of Austria as a result of an agreement reached by the Council of the League of Nations regarding an international financial scheme with that object.

The Financial Committee of the League of Nations, which met in London in November, prepared a plan for the restoration of Hungary by providing a loan of about 250,000,000 gold crowns secured as a first charge on the Customs, the Tobacco and Salt monopolies and the Sugar Tax. Other provisions were the balancing of the Hungarian Budget by the middle of 1926, the stabilisation of currency, the formation of an independent bank of issue, and the appointment of a Commissioner-General responsible to the League similar to Dr. Zimmermann in Vienna.

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